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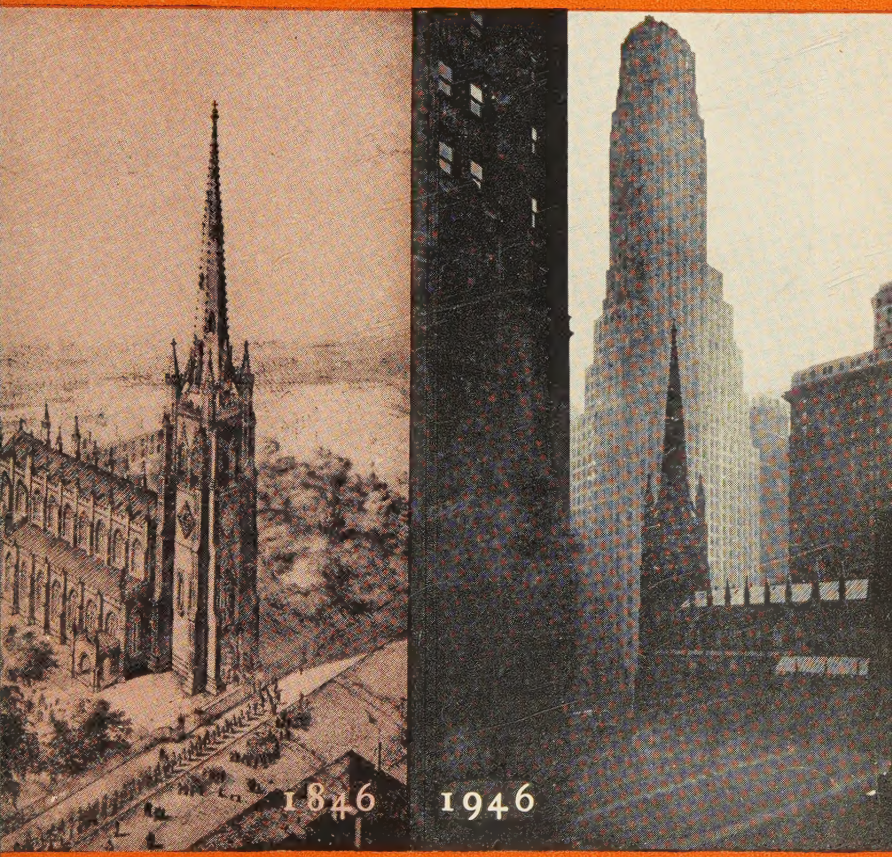

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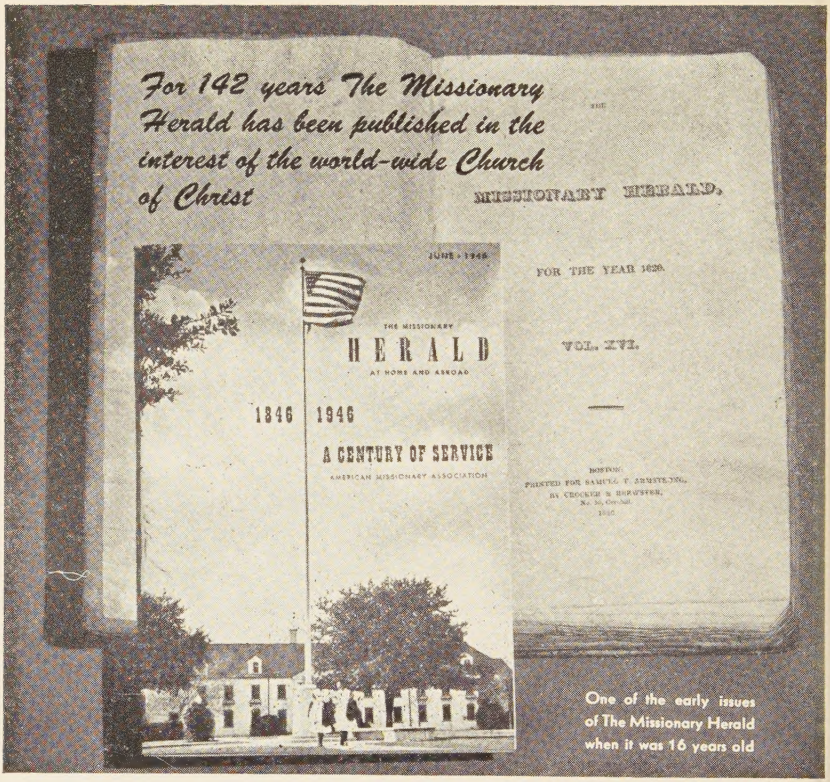
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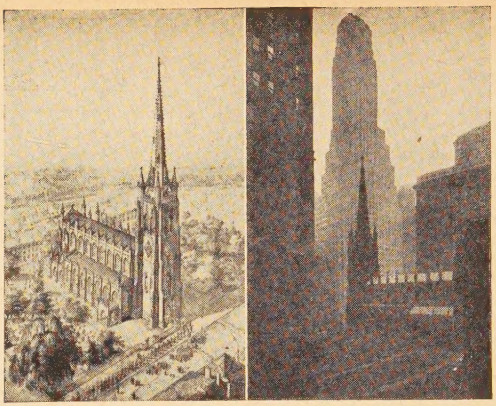

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THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

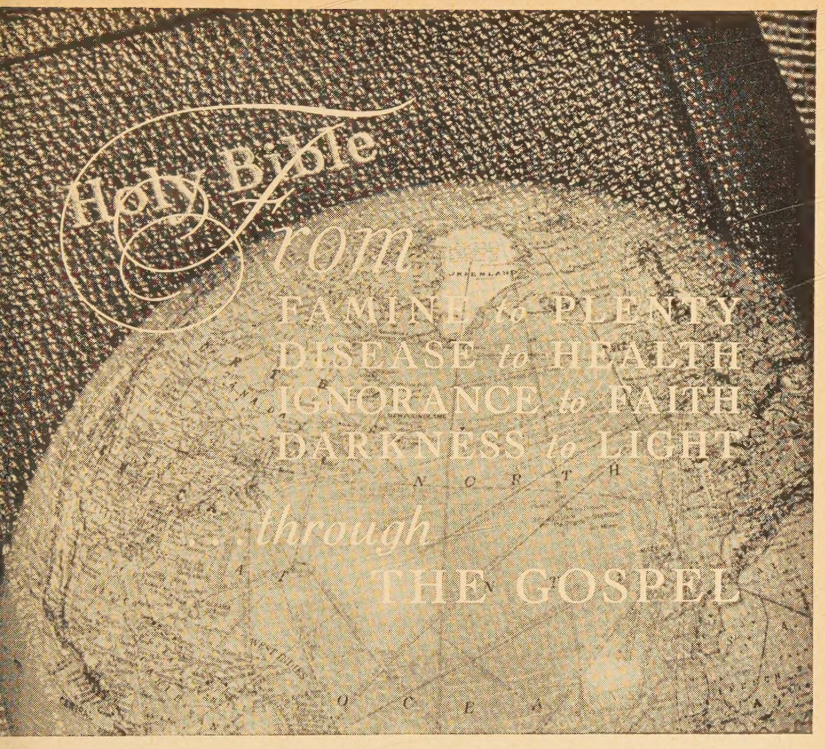
WHEN the church pictured above and on our cover was built in 1846, it dominated the simple cultural scene of that period. In 1946, that same church is walled around by the gigantic and towering changes produced by the industrial revolution. And every church in our Fellowship, urban and rural, at home and abroad, is confronted more or less by these same economic, social and cultural changes with their points of tension, urgent opportunities, zones of danger. We are all set in the midst of change.

The period from the harnessing of the steam engine to the discovery of atomic energy has been the most striking and pregnant in human history. It has been characterized by more changes in human life and thought than was the entire period from Neolithic man to Queen Victoria.

It appears that we have now arrived at the end of the first phase of the industrial revolution which sired the scientific developments and technological achievements of our time. Further, a glance at the morning newspaper headlines suggests that we have reached a point where the process is bound either to end in catastrophe or move on into a new stage of glorious development. Therefore, the most important question of the hour is—"Where are we going?"

To change the world in the direction of a greater degree of humaneness, justice and brotherhood should and must be the major business of Christians. Changed persons, changed relationships, changed conditions! To be puzzled by the shifting scene is human; but our perplexity must not mean the betrayal of our task. To endure change is not enough! We Christians are supposed to direct it and produce the right kind of change.

This number of our magazine portrays briefly what we Congregational Christians are doing to mold change, to minister to its unhappy victims, and to direct it to Christian ends. Our story is piecemeal and fragmentary because of space. But enough is told to challenge each one of us to play our full Christian role in the vast struggle of which the war was only a terrible phase.



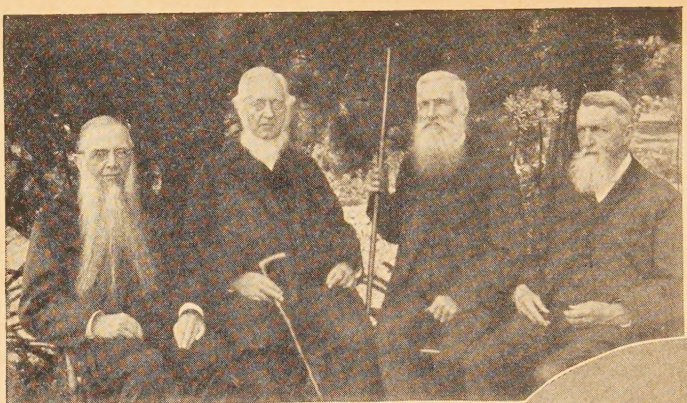
ur world-wide work
rects and produces change

E. PAUL SYLVESTER

YOUR missionaries, through the gospel of Jesus, are building a idge," said Daniel Baiwa, an rican Christian. "It is a bridge om famine to plenty; from disease health; from dirt to cleanliness; om ignorance and superstition to owledge and faith; from warfare peace; from polygamy to a Chris- n home; from fear of witchcraft d magic to faith in God and our low man; from slaughter of twins reverence of human life; from rkness to light."

This is change at its best! When that same "gospel of Jesus" provides the blueprints for action, the changes made are always for the better.

The Christian gospel is founded on two beliefs—the goodness of God and the worth of man. Fortified by these, we dare to face the world as we find it. The plaintive cry, "What is the use?" does not echo among those who call themselves Christian. No matter what crises arise, no matter how justice miscarries or plans for reconstruction go awry, the church must stand foursquare against division and futility.



American Board missionaries of 1885, above, and, at right, the Howard Schomers, of 1946

The early Christians had a compelling sense of mission. We do not believe that Jesus will come in a cataclysmic way to gather together his select few and bring an end to life on earth. But we are confronted with possible catastrophe, not caused by God's intervention, but by man's genius to invent and his inability to handle constructively either his inventions or himself.

The sense of mission which filled the early Christians must be ours today. Either we have something unique to contribute to the world or else all our professions of faith are mere talk.

This sense of mission cannot be divided up into separate interests or activities. Beginning with the individual and his church and reaching out to all people, nations and races, the Christian gospel has something of vital importance for a changing world. We hear it said, "I believe in home missions but not in foreign missions." Or, "I believe in the work and importance of the local church, but I have no interest in missions." But there is only one mission of the church: the influencing and changing of life, beginning with the individual and extending to th entire social order. It is all of piece. If we fail in one part of th job, we fail altogether.

Perhaps a few illustrations wi make this clear. Out of Africa come the story of Aurelio Chicanya Dressed only in a loin cloth, he cam one day to our Chilesso Mission conducted by our American Boar for Foreign Missions. He said tha he was the son of a prominent witc doctor and that he wanted to go t school. Upon his father's death, th tribe had wanted him to take h father's place. But the boy felt tha there was something better in li

than witchcraft. He had heard about the school in our Mission and he had come to learn that "something better" from our teachers.

Fifteen years have passed since then. Aurelio is now a leader of church and community. For the past six years he has served the Chilesso area as secretary and assistant to four pastors. In 1943, when the Jubilee of the Mission was held, 5,000 people attended the four-day celebration. It was Aurelio Chicanya who planned and carried out the entire program which included speakers, a choir of 100 and a communion service for 3,500 people. Recently the Chilesso church voted that Aurelio should be ordained. Thus, through church, school and hospital, does the gospel of Jesus change lives and produce devoted Christians in the foreign mission fields. Bridges are erected from ignorance to knowledge and from darkness to light.

Just as urgently do we need such bridges in America. We stand at a crossroads in our national career, and it is the first responsibility of all our churches to help direct America into a life which is more nearly Christian in spirit and in deed.

Briefly, here are a few things which our Congregational Christian churches are doing to match our gospel with our action:

A century ago our American Missionary Association schools were planted with almost feverish haste—529 of them—to meet what was then the chief need of our minority groups—literacy. But the crusade for liter-

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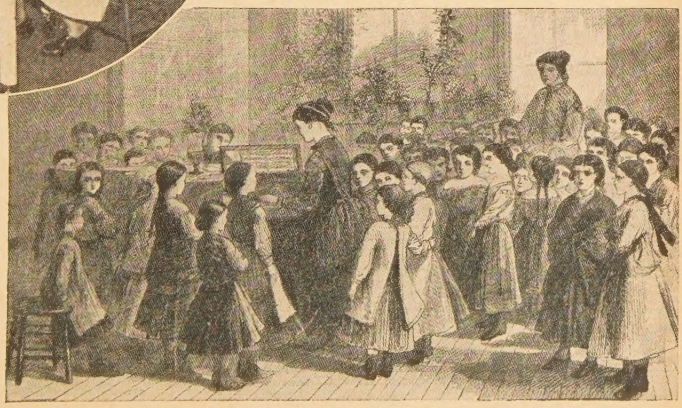


Sunday Schools then and now—the modern emphasis is on learning through participation

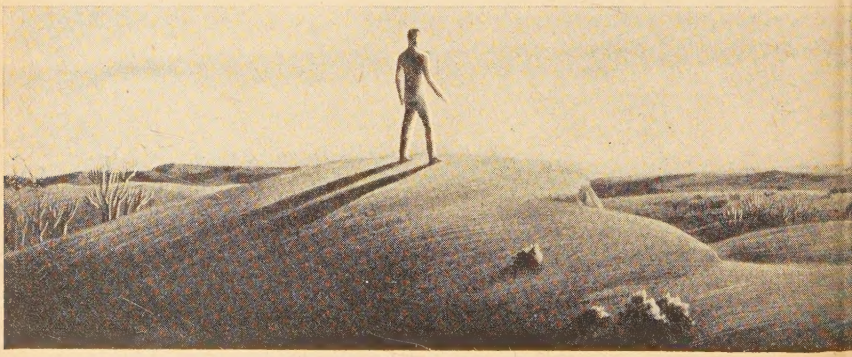
WILLIAM W. MEYER

Our young people are coming to grips with world needs and changes . . .

. . . and are doing something about it!

"AND I believe the answer to the crisis of our day is in Jesus Christ . . . and in his church." So says Joe in the play that opened the Fifth National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, as 246 Congregational Christian youth from thirty-seven states met at Doane College in Nebraska to plan program and action.

Do young people really believe this? You'll have to answer for yourself and for your own youth group, but the National Council answers "Yes!" And there is evi-



Pilgrim Fellowship has pledged itself to raise $200,000 during the 1946-1948 biennium for special projects. Among these are young people's work in India and scholarships for the study of improved racial relations here in America

dence to prove it beyond a doubt.

Congregational Christian youth are coming to grips with world problems and needs, and with the inmost need of every person for God and his power.

At the National Council we voiced central emphasis on personal faith and dedication. Would that every member of the Pilgrim Fellowship could have heard Oliver Powell's vesper talks! He minced no words about our individual need for Christ's power, our own sense of God's mission in life, our own responsibility for Christian reconstruction.

We endorsed a major campaign for Pilgrim Fellowship for more nearly Christian race and intercultural relations—eliminating prejudice and segregation beginning right in our own churches and communities. This program is in line with the biennial emphasis of the denomination as a whole.

We boldly set a biennium goal of $200,000 for Pilgrim Fellowship giving, including both missions and reconstruction. This goal is an increase of nearly 1,000 per cent. We can achieve it if every Congregational Christian youth accepts the fact of crisis in the world and full responsibility for making the Christian answer a reality. It will also depend on full and faithful reports from every local group and state as

to how much is given. One suggested way of bringing the goal home is to challenge you to give a full day's wages as a minimum—and if you haven't a job, earn money somehow and give.

This brief article cannot begin to record all the significant things about Pilgrim Fellowship and actions of the National Council, but can bring to you the fact that Congregational youth are on the march, believing in the Christian way and in the church.

At National Council we lived in the atmosphere and fellowship of the world church, symbolic of the spirit that united every local group and individual. We heard greetings from Mexico brought in person by Elena Ortiz, from Hawaii by May-Blossom Chang, from England by John Parry, Wales by Wilbert George, Scotland by Rikky Brown, China by Bert Faurot, and messages from others in Christian service at home and abroad. You see, this Christian church of ours is made of real people. Here are exciting and interesting young people, drawn together in a bond that is stronger than all the tragedy and insecurity of the world, and in dead earnest about our job as Christian youth, taking responsibility and leadership in the church.

In the Council sermon, we heard President Ed Hawley retell the thrilling story of the early church. It is a story of ordinary people set on fire with a vision and drawn together by a power that would not let them go. In the face of utter discouragement in a crumbling world, youth of that first century found new life and joy and power in the fellowship of the church. They didn't know they were changing the world—they were just being obedient to the heavenly vision, being loyal to the Master.

In our National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship this spirit was evident. We have been gripped by the staggering need of the world on the one hand, and the abundant power of God in the church calling us and enabling us to answer.

When Pilgrim Fellowship says, "I believe that the answer to the crisis of our day is in Jesus Christ and in his church," we mean it with our whole hearts. And the best test is in the plans that members of the Pilgrim Fellowship are making for themselves. Ed Hawley, retiring national president, has finished his seminary training and is going to Britain as a reconstruction worker, an ambassador from us to Christian youth over there. Elena has come to learn all she can of children's work in the church, to go back and work with Larry and Connie Stanton in Guadalajara. Blossom is working hard to fit herself as a Christian leader in Hawaii. Mic is on his way to be a Christian doctor—whether here or overseas he isn't yet sure. Betty is already at work as a religious education director. Winnie is president of her Student Christian Association and headed for seminary.

And listen, these members of the Pilgrim Fellowship on our National Council are no "squares"—the list of school and college activities on the slate of nominations for national officers is very impressive. But we are working together, humbly and loyally, in the greatest adventure the world can ever know, to show by our lives, individually and in the Fellowship, that we believe that the answer to the crisis of our day is in Jesus Christ and in his church.

Mr. Meyer is Field Secretary for the Northern California Congregational Conference and is Advisor to the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship.

Illustrations from Ewing Galloway, Marion Palfi and Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

OUR generation is the first in history to possess the instruments and techniques for providing the material basis for the good life for the whole human race. This situation is the result of our unprecedented accumulation of scientific facts and inventive skill. At the same time, our generation is more apprehensive about the future than any recent generation, perhaps than any generation in history. This other situation is the result of our lack of moral discipline and our failure to achieve community of basic social purpose.

Thus our changing world reveals a fateful and ironic contradiction: on the one hand, amazing technical progress, utilizing the elemental force of the universe; on the other hand, moral inadequacy, indicating that man cannot be relied upon to use those forces for human benefit and not for mutual destruction.

Our bewilderingly rapid change at the material level has resulted from our increasing knowledge of the laws of the physical universe and our complying with those laws. Our failure to keep step on the moral and spiritual level has resulted from our failure to give corresponding study to the laws of the moral universe and our general indifference to complying with those we already understand. In such a situation, chaos is inevitable. For we can no more disregard moral law with impunity than we can disregard

AREA MEETINGS ON EVANGELISM

Our Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life proposes to conduct eleven area meetings on evangelism throughout the country this fall and winter.

The program for each two-day meeting includes a discussion of such significant themes as: deepening the spiritual life; how to conduct visitation evangelism; Christian beliefs or attitudes expected of church members; evangelism in Christian education; motivation for Christian life and service.

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East Central	Indiana
South West	Texas
South Central	Georgia
South East	North Carolina
Middle Atlantic	New Jersey

Dates and meeting places will be announced by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, and by the Superintendents of our State Conferences.

economy? Why is there such frequent breakdown of the integrity of people in public life? Why is the divorce rate higher than ever? Or, to put these questions comprehensively: Why is modern man, with all his knowledge, making such a mess of things?

Basically, the answer is that modern man has been so proud that

physical law without disaster.

Why is the progress of the United Nations so dishearteningly slow? Why has interracial violence become a scandal in our American democracy? Why does tension between capital and labor impair our national

he has been indifferent to the requirements of moral law which is above him and to which he is responsible upon pain of death. In other words, he has thought that he could disregard God, that enlightened secularism was sufficient.

Yes, modern man has been proud. But just recently there have been signs of some measure of humility. Frustration and sober reflection combine to induce a realization on the part of some leaders that something must be added to the strange mixture which we call our civilization or we are lost. The President of the United States wistfully calls for an Isaiah or a St. Paul. The Secretary of State asks for prayers on his behalf as he leaves for an international conference. Laymen who have been in responsible positions in Washington through the war period come to the church seeking jobs on the ground that unless a new moral and spiritual discipline is developed, we are lost.

This all indicates the grave urgency of the task of the churches. We are assumed to have the primary responsibility for spiritual and moral leadership. We claim it ourselves. We dare not fail.

The time is past due for the churches to speak to modern man with a more imperious authority. A tentative, almost apologetic approach, betraying an inferiority complex, is both inappropriate and inadequate. Our evangelism must proclaim that God reigns and that the cross reveals the paramount fact and the paramount principle of history. Only a more general acceptance of the governance of God and the grace of God in Christ can make man safe for himself or safe to live with in this changing world.

Dr. Barnes is the Associate General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches.

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The church-going scene has changed considerably since horse-and-buggy days, but the church's importance in our civilization is the same. Its message remains unchanged

"East is East and West is West . . . "

. . . but the twain have met!

GIFFORD H. TOWLE

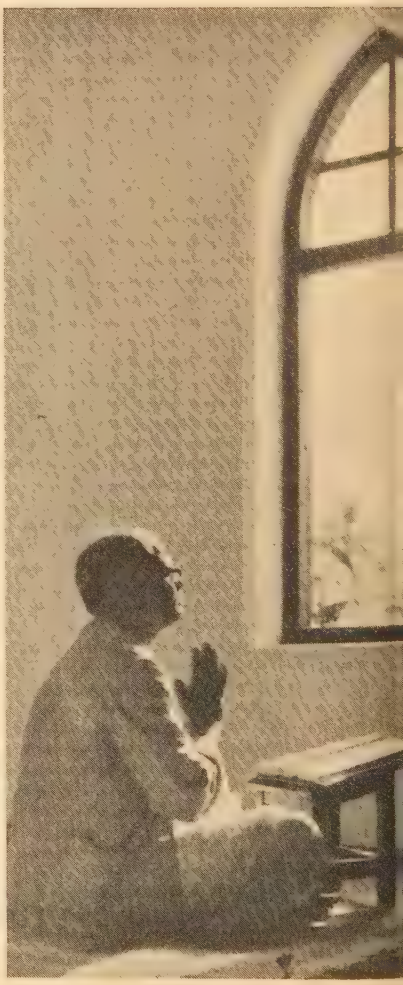
THE fascinating part of any missionary task is the attempt to change things—first attitudes, then ways of life and thought, and finally the direction, tone and inner springs of the lives of those we contact.

But that's not all. There are bonds to be woven between East and West, bonds of knowledge of one another and of a common allegiance to Christ. They are forged in schools, hospitals, churches, homes and our central mission stations.

Ours is the Vadala Mission, one of the stations of the Marathi Mission of our Congregational Christian churches in India. It is a village in the midst of many other villages, the center of a most fruitful mission district.

For a radius of fifty miles, villages and Christian groups and churches look to Vadala for guidance and help in matters of health, education, agriculture and Christian living. In some twenty-five of these villages we have schools with Christian teachers. This same building may also be the church meeting place and even the home of the teacher-preacher.

In most of the District schools, youngsters can only finish the fourth grade. Promising ones are chosen to come to Vadala to enter the Vocational School or, if they are girls, the Orlinda Childs Pierce School, which is coeducational. Here they learn to work with hands as well as head. When they finish they can go on to further education in our Christian



high schools in Ahmednagar, or go back to help in their villages. In either case it is from among these boys and girls that leaders are recruited.

Seventy boys are enrolled in the Vocational School. They study carpentry, blacksmithing, weaving and farming along with the regular academic curriculum. We have reclaimed an orange orchard, purchased two new fields, rebuilt river walls protecting well equipment, cleaned and repaired wells, purchased draft animals and milk buffaloes. Renting seventy-five acres in addition to our own thirty-two, we launched a grain and vegetable raising program to meet the needs of our Girls' and Boys' Boarding Departments, the local community, teachers and missionaries.

The Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial School enrolls more than 100 boys and girls from Christian, Hindu and Muslim homes in Vadala. For years the school has been run by the project method. The first period or two in the morning every pupil puts in actual labor on garden, poultry, building or some other project.

Before 1943, the Hindu village just the other side of the church had maintained its own village school. After we secured play equipment and began projects in chicken-raising, gardening and carpentry, the news spread. Children in the village put the pressure on "pa" and "ma" in a way they know well how to do. They, too, wanted to attend our primary school. Finally, the elders of the village asked if their children might attend our school, provided they closed the village school. We assured them that their youngsters would be welcome as long as no caste distinctions were observed. In a few months the village school was closed and all the children came to our school—Hindu, Muslim and Christian studying, playing, growing up sharing common experiences and interests.

We think that a change like this is part of the Christian message.

Then, too, we attempt to change

One of the most important changes which Christianity has brought to India is freedom from the fear of evil spirits. Knowledge has been substituted for superstition

These villagers view everyone with suspicion

These college girls are poised and confident

life through healing, as well as through education. One cannot enjoy life, even though free from superstition and fear, if the body is wracked by malaria or his children are losing their sight through sore eyes.

When the Fairbank-James Friendship Memorial Hospital was opened in 1936, few women came for help when their children were born. But the doctors were gradually called to outlying villages when cases seemed hopeless. When many of these mothers were saved, confidence increased. In 1936 no caste man wanted to be in the same ward with an outcaste. In 1936, to give an injection for so common a thing as malaria was a major operation!

But in less than ten years all this has changed. Now we have almost all the maternity cases we can handle. All castes are placed in the same ward and often take the same water from the hospital tap. These changes came about because men wanted the healing that was to be found here; men realized that through our daily prayer the hands of the physicians were guided by the spirit and example of the Master in whose name they work.

The church is the heart and center of all that goes on in Vadala. The building itself was erected at the turn of the century by those who, during a devastating famine, would otherwise have had no work and would have perished for want of food. This church has gone on giving life over the years.

Wives of the teachers and pastors from surrounding villages come annually for a week of instruction, inspiration and fellowship. Deacons of the village churches have a similar gathering, and each month the teachers and pastors themselves come for their monthly pay, for checking of records and work, for consultation and for worship.

Let us speak of a few to whom Christ has meant new life, and through whom he speaks to others. There is Jiwandada Gaikwad, former pastor, and a teacher who has taught more missionaries how to speak Marathi than any other Christian teacher now living. Hindu, Muslim, Christian, young and old revere Jiwandada

A quack sells useless medicines and charms

nd his wife. He borrows *The Mis-ionary Herald, National Geographic, ime*, and other magazines, and often ou will see him translating to a small not of interested teachers.

And what of the new Christians? Vell, there is a weaver, Phikera Kir-skar, who lives in a little straw ut just a stone's throw from our ungalow. I can hear his hand loom eaving frame with its steady rhythm ery early in the morning, and often te into the night. When I asked im one day why he had become a hristian, this is the answer I re-eived: "I want my boys to grow up a Christian school where ignorant riests will not bother them with all inds of gods. I want them to grow p to be useful and free. I have come o love your Christ because of what e has done for my family and my-elf." Phikera is still an imperfect hristian, but on his own initiative e has persuaded other weavers and oodcutters to give up their idols nd become Christians.

So, in the midst of rural India, in ne of its 700,000 villages, there has rown up this work in schools, farm, ospital, church and other centers activities—work which is centered in the church. It is a growing work and within a year or two we expect that there will be added a leper home for 200 patients. We also look forward to the time when the local congregation will take a larger share of responsibility.

We believe and try to teach that being a Christian should affect all of a man's life, so that he lives in a cleaner home, so that if Christ comes into his life the difference can be seen as well as told.

We need a full-time Christian Indian agriculturist. We need an American doctor and his wife, and a station wagon ambulance to reach out with medical help. We need a diesel generator to provide electricity for the hospital and schools. Your money will help to provide these things. But most of all, we need friends who want to be friends of those who try, in their humble way, to serve Christ in Vadala.

Mr. Towle was appointed as a missionary of our American Board for Foreign Missions in 1939 and has served in our Vadala Mission in India since that time.

Illustrations on pages 12 and 13 from R. Ben Gullison and Ewing Galloway.

This article is the first in our current series on the 1946–47 foreign mission study theme, "India."

The Christian hospitals introduce modern scientific medical knowledge and practice

From miners to millions!

The pioneer spirit of 1849 is still alive in the California of 1946

NELSON C. DREIER

THE year 1849 was a boom year in California. Gold was discovered and the rush was on!

The year 1946 is seeing another boom in California. No gold has been discovered, but the population is growing by leaps and bounds. Cities have doubled in size. New industries are springing up and established industries are moving to the Coast from other parts of the country. The pioneers of '49 wouldn't recognize California now!

An authoritative report states that Southern California has increased approximately twenty-nine per cent in population since the 1940 census. One California community, in which there is a historic Congregational Christian church, was a quiet, medium-sized town in 1941. Today its population is increasing at the rate of 400 families a month. It has twenty-seven new industries, and the local Chamber of Commerce is trying to slow things down!

This means but one thing for our churches: we have hundreds of opportunities for church extension. During the past few years we have initiated a number of new church projects, all of them tailored to fit the needs of an increasing population. Among them are the Altadena Community Church; Colonial Church in West Los Angeles; Laguna Beach Neighborhood Church; Corona Del Mar Community Church in Los Angeles; North Hollywood Church of the Pilgrims; and Pilgrim House and social centers in the former Little Tokyos of Los Angeles and San Marino. In New Mexico there is the Bayard Union Church, and in Arizona, the Encanto Park Church of Phoenix.

Most of these new projects are fully recognized churches. We have other comity allocations to begin many more. That is, by interdenominational agreement, we have been assigned certain districts whose religious development becomes our responsibility. We will initiate these

ew projects as soon as funds and eadership are available. We are lready purchasing new properties n which to build some of these hurches.

It is estimated that almost $200,000 as been invested in these projects y the communities, our Conference f Southern California and the South-est, and our national Fellowship. carcely a week passes that our atten-on is not called to some new field n need of a church project. As this written, whole new communities re being built to accommodate the 0,000 new residents entering the os Angeles area each month. Met-opolitan Los Angeles is now the iird largest city in the United tates. The city planners make a conservative" estimate that greater os Angeles, with a present popula-on of more than 3,900,000, will grow 7,000,000 by 1970. This indicates iat our job is only beginning.

Like colleges everywhere in Amer-ica, Southern California's educational institutions are crowded with veter-ans. It became urgently necessary that we provide more adequate lead-ership for the Congregational Chris-tian students among them. Peter J. Jansen was added to our staff for this purpose. Our new Associate Superintendent, Glenn A. Rowles, is specially charged with responsibility for young adult work and Laymen's Fellowship activities. Many of the veteran returnees will quite naturally be integrated into these two groups. Eight returned chaplains are serving in our churches as pastors, in com-munities where there are large groups of former servicemen.

Under the leadership of our Pilgrim Fellowship, the youth program of our Conference is growing rapidly. New junior and senior high groups are being organized. This has been a banner year for our summer camp program, and it has proved extraor-dinarily effective in strengthening our

During the war, thousands flocked to California to work in the booming airplane factories. Many of them liked the state and decided to remain there

youth work. We conduct eighteen camps during consecutive weeks during the summer and fall. There is a full schedule of planning conferences and weekend camps throughout the entire fall, winter and spring.

Our established churches are doing their share of the job of reaching California's new residents. They are systematically recruiting new members. A projected interdenominational program will survey Southern California's communities this fall following up with visitation evangelism. Our own Conference is establishing its headquarters in its own office building.

Our goal is the establishment of five new churches a year for five years. We plan to finance this program with $100,000 to be raised among our own people.

Our ministers and our lay leaders are aware that they face a tremendous job. They know, too, that it can be done only through a great deal of hard work, and that a mere beginning has been made. We are confident that we shall see it through to the end and that we will perform the services expected of us in Southern California.

Mr. Dreier is Superintendent of our Conference of Southern California and the Southwest.
Illustration on page 17 from Acme Newspictures

In many California boom towns we have built churches like that at Corona Del Mar

Helping Through Prayer

THE missionaries of the North China Mission of the American Board are on our Calendar of Prayer for the month of September. You will find biographical sketches of them all in the American Board Yearbook for 1946.

The North China Mission was begun in 1860. The great expansion of its work took place after the Boxer uprising in 1900. When the Sino-Japanese war began in 1937 most of our missionaries remained on their fields but the end of the war in 1945 found only ten in north and west China, seven of them in internment camps. Now veterans and recruits are returning for the work of reconstruction and for venturesome plans of advance.

I wish to say something about getting ready or being ready to help through prayer. Intercession is one of the most difficult forms of prayer. One is not always ready to pray for another. How do I know what is best for my friend or for that group of people? How can I pray for others when I cannot even pray for myself?

There are at least two essential conditions for true prayer for others. First, I must know from experience how it helps me to "open my heart to God." The words that I use in prayer may or may not be the best words to use but God looks upon the heart. He listens not so much to what I say but to what I am.

Second, there must be to some degree "a sense of community" between me and those for whom I pray. That sense of community may spring from close relationship or comradeship, or it may be based upon a common, commanding purpose in life. A common, commanding purpose is the strongest unseen bond of fellowship imaginable.

We may well go to the Apostle Paul to learn how to pray for those with whom we share a common purpose and for whom we would seek blessings God alone can give. Turn to the first chapter of his letter to his friends in Philippi. I have noted these petitions which Paul makes. He prays (1) that God will complete the good work he has begun in and through them; (2) that their love for their comrades and people may be more and more rich in knowledge and all manner of insight, enabling them to have a sense of what is vital; (3) that they may be transparent and no harm to anyone; (4) that their lives may be covered with that harvest of righteousness which Jesus Christ produces; (5) that they may be confident that all our affairs ought really to tend to advance the Kingdom of God; (6) that they may never be ashamed to honor Christ and by fearless courage to speak of him and of what God can do through him for men in need; (7) that they may lead lives worthy of the Gospel of Christ, standing firm in a common spirit, fighting side by side like one man for the faith of the Gospel.

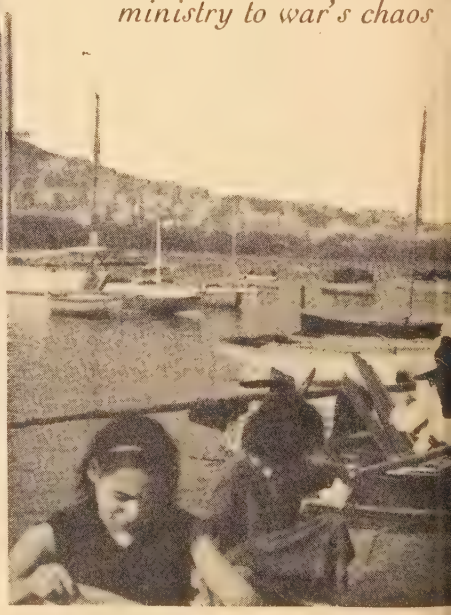
We should not hesitate to add to such petitions very specific requests concerning which we feel deeply, if we are familiar with actual conditions, but Paul's thought and prayer give us a norm, as it were, to which we can aspire in our ministry of intercession.

Fred Field Goodsell

EMERSON G. HANGEN

The Christian Approach to Tragedy

Our Service Committee's ministry to war's chaos



Hundreds of Neapolitans, fishermen before the war, were without homes or means of livelihood after peace came. Our Service Committee workers found them living in poverty and squalor in caves along the harbor shores of Naples. Abandoned army barracks were converted into decent homes. Rehabilitation services are reconverting these families to useful citizens

CHANGES in almost every area of life are occurring so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with them. A changed and changing world demands new ways of thinking and acting and living, a demand to which Christian people must be peculiarly alive and responsive. Christians must lead the way in developing new methods and techniques—research workers in the laboratory of human experience.

As one answer to this insistent demand, the Congregational Christian Service Committee was organized three years ago to supply a short term, mobile, emergency type of service for relief and rehabilitation of victims of war and disaster. It is the special genius of the Service Committee to strike out on new paths, to experiment in finding new and untried ways of responding to human need.

A typical and dramatic illustration of this is the experiment which has now passed beyond the experimental stage, known as the Naples Caves Project. About two years ago the Congregational Christian Service Committee coöperated with UNRRA and the Unitarian Service Committee in setting up the Italian Medical Nutritional Unit. The purpose of this unit was to find out the actual

Daylight never reached the homes of the Naples cave-dwellers, left. Below, their new quarters are inspected by Robert Kellerman, Service Committee worker, and local officials

nutritional needs of the starving people in Italy and by scientifically studying feeding programs for victims of malnutrition, to discover procedures for future feeding programs in other areas of need. This project rendered distinguished service and the findings of the scientists who made this study are in process of being published as an important contribution to the problem of feeding starving people.

But one of the outgrowths of this project may be even more interesting and illustrative of the pioneering character of the Service Committee.

Robert P. Kellerman was the executive officer of the Italian Medical Nutritional Unit, and as a result of his home visitations in the city of Naples he discovered that there were hundreds of people living in abject poverty in old caves in the harbor rocks of Naples. There were no houses for them on the street level. During the war these people lost everything—relatives, homes, home furnishings, everything. For three years they have been living on a subhuman level. Under these conditions many children living there have contracted the dreaded eye disease of trachoma.

Our relief workers have been ministering to these people, bringing them needed supplies, medical help, and trying to educate them to the need for cleanliness and sanitary methods in helping to ward off diseases. When Mr. Kellerman spoke before the General Council at Grinnell he reported that before he left Italy he saw the first families move out of the caves into barracks. Our workers have helped supervise the construction of these barracks, and have worked closely with UNRRA in this great humanitarian enterprise. It was a glad day when these people could leave their dark and filthy caves and live as human beings again, and eventually all the families will be living in similar barracks. Thus the Service Committee is helping to

bring a new ray of hope and light to people who are engulfed in darkness.

Another illustration is the project which the Service Committee is in process of setting up in connection with Le College Cevenol at Chambon-Sur-Lignon in France. In this school, which is headed by Pastors Trocmé and Theis, there are about 100 students from pastors' and missionaries' families who cannot pay anything towards their schooling and food. The Service Committee has undertaken the support of these children in this significant educational enterprise, which might well be considered as a possible international center of Christian training.

Other groups have coöperated and are coöperating in this project. A significant fact is that the Putney School of Vermont became so deeply interested in the project at Le Chambon that a group of twelve Putney students volunteered to travel to Europe this past summer at their own expense in order to serve as a summer work camp group in this new unit of the Congregational Christian Service Committee. Transportation difficulties arose which made it impossible to send these young people as a group. In spite of this fact, however, a few students went ahead with their plans and were able to get to Europe.

These are a few of the significant projects undertaken by the Congregational Christian Service Committee and the support of this work comes entirely from the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. Your gifts to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction will keep alive this significant enterprise.

Mr. Hangen is minister of our First Church in Meriden, Connecticut, and Chairman of our Congregational Christian Service Committee.

Center illustration on pages 20–21 from Philip D. Gendreau

There is a world of difference between the clean, orderly barracks, above, and the dark cave, right, where Robert Kellerman helps an injured woman to return to her own "home"

The Unit Plan

ROBERT CASHMAN

IT is more difficult for a soldier to wait for battle than it is to fight. He wants to "get it over" and return to normal living.

A farmer plows his fields and plants his seed, but finds it hard to wait for the harvest.

Most of us who are engaged in the work of the Unit Plan would rather put on a year's campaign for the $1,200,000 needed to save reductions in the annuities of our older ministers and widows than to raise a tenth as much annually for ten years.

But there is wisdom in the ten-year plan of our denomination. It is a sustaining influence of hope and courage to our annuitants. It enables the churches and individuals to contribute conveniently and adequately to the security of our Annuity Fund, without interfering with the normal program of benevolence or other denominational appeals. There are both educational and spiritual values, likewise, to a continuing campaign.

We are now in the fifth year of our ten-year Unit Plan campaign. The latest reports indicate that we have received more than $700,000 to date, against our five-year quota of $600,000. If we do as well in 1946 as we did in 1945 ($176,846) we shall be nearly two years ahead of schedule, and our ten-year campaign will be shortened to eight years or less.

We must all be on the alert, however, lest our success to date should have a tendency to make us careless in the future. Battles must be fought until victory is won. Fields must be tilled and reaped before the harvest is assured. Unit Plan prospects and givers must be followed up until our total goal is reached.

One of our annuitants, above, writes:

"At the time my membership in the Original Plan began, I could little foresee how needful it would prove to my wife and me in our old age. The payments that come to us quarterly secure the roof over our heads. We receive them as the provision of our Father to forestall anxiety."

All praise and glory to those who have shared in gifts of work and money for our Original Plan annuitants, whose gratitude knows no bounds.

Let us now go forward with renewed faith and courage.

(Note: A Unit is $100. The Unit Plan requires 1,200 gifts of $100 each, or a total of $120,000 annually for ten years, to save cuts which would otherwise be necessary for the 1,200 annuitants who were living when the campaign was launched in 1942—hence the name—"*THE UNIT PLAN.*")

Mr. Cashman is the Chairman of the National Unit Plan Committee.

PILGRIM FRONTIER

Conference of Southern California and the Southwest

aymen's Fellowship "Churchmanship Institute," held at Whittier College, March 31, 1946

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ONE hundred and fifty laymen from forty Congregational churches nared in a "Churchmanship Insti-ute" on Sunday, March 31, at Whittier College, held under the uspices of the Conference Laymen's ellowship, Dr. Wm. C. Jones, Presi-ent of Whittier College, as Presi-ent of the Fellowship.

LAYMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Of interest to every layman in our nurches is the annual Laymen's Re-reat which will be held at Pilgrim ines on Saturday and Sunday, Sep-ember 28–29. The tentative pro-ram is as follows:

Saturday, September 28, four p.m., egistration and assignment to rooms. our-thirty to five-thirty: pilgrim-ge over Pilgrim Pines. Six: dinner. even-thirty: singing; panel discus-on, "This Business of Being a hristian." Leaders: Harold Wahl-berg, Santa Ana; William Wood, Riverside; Joseph Allard, Pomona, and others. General discussion.

Sunday, September 29: Eight, breakfast. Eight-forty-five: devotions, Dr. Wm. C. Jones. Nine-thirty: "Some Objectives," Rev. Glenn A. Rowles; "Stewardship," Moderator Joe Moody; "The Unit Plan," Dr. C. G. Huston; "The Church Extension Crusade," Dr. Nelson C. Dreier.

At eleven Dr. Nelson C. Dreier will preach. Following dinner at one o'clock the annual election of officers will be held and other business transacted.

The cost for the retreat will be $2.00. Register now with the Conference Office so plans may be made in advance.

BE SURE YOUR CHURCH SENDS LAYMEN TO ANNUAL MEETING, PILGRIM PINES, SEPTEMBER 28–29.

CONGREGATIONALISTS are a mixed lot and when over 2,000 of them come together from all parts of the nation interesting things are bound to happen. The conservatives know they are going to be challenged but they want to be heard. The liberals press their causes with enthusiasm and are eager to stand up and be counted on the side of the Union, and progressive Social Action.

Friends of Ronald Bridges were delighted with the masterly job he did in keeping the crowd in good humor and the business moving on schedule.

The determination on the part of the Council that Congregationalists must always be in the forefront of those seeking closer union between the Protestant denominations and the impatience of the group with those who counseled for due deliberation and further consideration of the merger made one feel that he belonged to a fast moving church and he must either run with it or be left behind.

The practically unanimous stand of the denomination on matters of racial justice gave one a sense of satisfaction and pride. The vote of confidence in the Council for Social Action and the intense interest in the place of the Church in world affairs made one feel that he was in good and strong-minded company.

As one listened to the reports he realized that being a national officer of the Council was a big responsibility requiring the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon. There are sectional pressures and social pressures and there is endless work to be done.

The American Board warmed our hearts with its splendid procession of workers past and present who have been our servants in the foreign field and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Missionary Association prompted a prayer that our generation may match the zeal and the sacrifice of our noble forefathers.

REV. JESSE F. PERRIN,
GLENDALE FIRST CHURCH

TO attend a meeting of the General Council is always a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The Grinnell meeting was my third Council experience, others having been at Berkeley and at Grand Rapids.

The most significant thing that happened, it seems to me, was the enthusiastic support given the proposed merger with the E. and R. Church, and the Council vote to submit the whole question of possible mergers with other Protestant church bodies to the Federal Council for survey and report. It was quite evident at Grinnell that the majority of our churches are impatient of divisions and delay, and anxious for church unity.

Another important development was the strong support given the "Grinnell plan" to move our denominational headquarters away from New York City to a more central location. While Grinnell may not be the best location, the arguments advanced in favor of some such plan by Moderator Bridges and others were most convincing. The Conferences of the Middle and Far West are rapidly growing stronger and are feeling increasingly that the only way we can get away from the present unrepresentative boards and committees, which of necessity are heavily "easternized," is to have more centrally located headquarters.

The election of Dr. Albert W. Palmer as our new moderator was another important event, especially gratifying for those of us who represented Southern California and the Southwest.

On the whole, although I do not hink Grinnell will go down in his- ory as one of our most inspiring ouncils, it did make clear pro- ouncements regarding such weighty natters as postwar missionary re- ponsibilities, race relations, and hurch union. It did not celebrate ny victories, but it noted important rogress at many sectors of the front, articularly in relation to the 100th nniversary of the American Mis- onary Association.

Yes, I am glad I was able to go to rinnell.

Rev. Stuart L. Anderson,
Long Beach First Church

A LAYMAN'S VIEWS OF GRINNELL

T was with keen anticipation that I stepped off the train in the eautiful little rain-washed com- unity of Grinnell on the morning June 18. The rain gave promise clean thoughts and fresh, growing eas and ideals. As the week pro- essed, anticipation became realiza- on.

The most important factor was the quaintanceship and friendship with ose from all over the country. We ere all interested in promoting the ingdom of Heaven through giving ore thought and help to their ethren.

We were shocked into a great esire to do something for our fellow hristians as we heard Dr. Berry's essage from the heart of bomb-torn Britain. We were inspired as we saw young missionaries pledge themselves to lives of service. The value of a militant religion was illustrated by the beautiful music of the Talladega Choir, the dramas produced by the Dillard players and the folk dances of the boys and girls from Pleasant Hill.

We are proud of Congregationalism, standing firmly for a religion which believes in social justice which is inclusive, as indicated by the vote to continue the Council for Social Action.

Vincent B. Claypool,
Barstow, California

Fall Association Schedule

Plans are under way for the Fall Association meetings. Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, of the American Missionary Association, Moderator Joe Moody, Mrs. Chas. G. Wight, Rev. Wm. D. Pratt and the conference staff will make the tour. Meetings will be held according to the following schedule:

October 8–9—New Mexico–El Paso, at El Paso, Texas.
October 10–11—Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
October 14—San Diego Association.
October 15—Los Angeles Association at Lincoln Memorial, L. A.
October 17—San Bernardino Association.
October 18—Kern, at Mojave, California.

Special attention will be given to reports and plans for the Postwar Emergency Program. The American Missionary Association centennial will be celebrated with a dinner at most of the meetings. Officers and staff of the Conference will interpret and project our common work. Be sure your church is well represented at the Fall Association Meeting.

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Student Fellowship

THROUGH the conference Student Commission church leaders have been asked to send in names of young people who are attending college or university in our Conference area. We wish to invite these students to our Plymouth Clubs where organized, and to place their names in the hands of the ministers of churches near the campus.

Albuquerque students will find a full-time student worker; so will students at Tempe, and at Tucson; Plymouth Club Programs will again serve students at U.C.L.A., U.S.C., L.A.C.C. We plan to organize Congregational Students at Whittier, Pomona, Redlands, Occidental, Santa Barbara, and at many of the Junior Colleges. Will you send us the names of students from your church, that we may make contact with them immediately upon arriving at school. Help us to keep our young people in touch with the church.

WAR VICTIMS

Keep the gifts rolling in for War Victims. At this date over $50,000 has been given through our Conference Churches to our Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. This averages $1.45 per member for this year. Our national program calls for doubling our gifts in 1946, which means over $82,000. The needs are urgent. Let us direct our gifts through our churches. Conference Staff members are glad to come to your church to present the needs. The slides and recordings explaining the needs are available from the Conference, for use at a church night supper, woman's meeting, Men's Club, or evening program. Rev. William D. Pratt, Redlands, California, our conference chairman, is available to interpret the need.

Aboard the Manaña Specia

SEVEN representatives of our Pil grim Fellowship recently com pleted a tour of visitation of ou Mexican Congregational Work Four Commission chairmen, Bett Drake, Joan Miller, Winona Fraze and Jean Stiver; with Rev. C. Fre Hutslar, Jr., and Mrs. Sigrid Paln and Jane Johnson as advisors, mad up the party.

In spite of the slow tempo of Mex ican trains—some as much as 1 hours late—the group was able t visit many of the picturesque spot in Mexico City and Guadalajara

The feature of the trip was at tendance at the youth camp held a Tlajomulco where over forty camper gathered from our churches on th West Coast of Mexico. The oppor tunity to live with the Mexica young people through their cam experience created a spirit of inter cultural appreciation which shall b of value to our own fellowship an the growing youth program i Mexico.

The camp was directed by Rev Larry Stanton with our group co operating throughout the program Jane Johnson stayed through th summer as our representative work ing with church vacation school an youth work. She is financed by th young people of our conference an will symbolize the spirit of fellowshi and goodwill which we all feel.

If your church or youth group i interested in the story of the experi ences of this group you are invite to arrange to have them present program of worship, talks and pi tures on Mexico. Make arrange ments through Rev. Peter J. Janse Conference Office, 1052 W. 6th Stree Los Angeles 14, California. This i your opportunity to learn about ou friends "Across the Border."

A station-wagon load of Conference P.F. officers arrived on schedule t Crete, Nebraska for the National ouncil Meetings. These officers om various churches met with high hool and college young people from l sections of United States. Plans r the next two years were com-leted, involving ideas in the fields Social Action, Missionary Action, nterdenominational Action, and Per-onal Action.

With pride we announce that Miss ane Johnson from Lincoln Memorial hurch, and Past President of our onference P.F. was elected National ice-president. Ray Fowler, our resent President from First Church ong Beach, was elected a member the National Central Planning ommittee.

Splendid reports have come from ur Commission Chairmen on their eturn from the Mexico Youth Con-rence. Jane Johnson has remained Mexico for most of the summer to ssist the Stantons in the Children's nd Youth work, in a plan similar Student Summer Service. The oung people are financing her while e is in Mexico.

PILGRIM PINES CAMP 1946

Week by week, an excited group young people have caught the hristian spirit of Service and fel-wship at our Conference Camp. Ve all appreciate the efforts of our inisters who have directed the arious camps. The fine spirit of any others as Counsellors has made ur program such a success. Next onth complete reports will be made the number of campers, and of ghlights of the camps.

P.F. FALL PLANS

Association Rallys will be held in n Diego, Kern County, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as in the areas of P.F. in Los Angeles. These will highlight the recommendations of the National meetings, with suggestions for local Church Youth Programs. Watch for announcement of plans for your area. The pressures of a new postwar world make it imperative that we set our young people on firm paths. We call on all churches to make special plans for the young people of the community. We stand ready to assist you.

SYLVAN DALE

Mountains that so nobly raise
Lofty heads in muted praise;

Singing streams that gently call,
Trails that wind round mountain wall;

Dawns that make the soul to sing,
Peace that evening's sunsets bring;

Smiling skies that are so blue,
Stars that shine at night so true;

Wisdom gained, and truth declared,
Lessons learned, and all things shared;

Bonds of fellowship so strong,
Joyous laughter, gladsome song;

Haven from the world apart,
Stirring joy within the heart;

Lovely spot now grown so dear—
Truly, God is dwelling here.

FRANCIS C. ELLIS

LAYMEN AT GRINNELL COUNCIL

Our full quota of laymen attended the General Council meeting of our Congregational churches. Several of our representatives, including Lyman Crossman, Vincent Claypool and Joe Moody made program contributions in discussion and report sessions. We are proud of the leadership quality in our laymen's fellowship.

WOMEN'S PAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of September brings a "sense of beginning." After vacation trips and relaxation from routine duties it is good to begin again. In our churches and in our Fellowship we are looking toward another year of new work. Our September Board meeting (Tuesday, the 24th) will be in the nature of a workshop and I hope that you will come and avail yourselves of the program materials and suggestions that will be on hand.

It was my privilege to be a delegate to the General Council at Grinnell. As it was my first Council meeting, I looked forward to it with excitement and curiosity. I found it a rewarding time of education and inspiration, and a very real and vital experience.

The Women's Meetings held an important place on the program. Mrs. Douglas Horton, Dr. Ethel Alpenfels, Mrs. Harper Sibley and others held our undivided attention as they impressed upon us the urgency of Christian action for our time—quoting Mrs. Sibley—"When it is time it is too late." We must not close our eyes to doors that are being opened to us, doors of opportunity and responsibility to youth, to the church and to the world.

A high point of interest was the presentation of the "Women's Gift." A candlelit platform provided the perfect atmosphere for the beautiful and inspiring service. State Presidents, or their representatives, representing almost 700,000 members of the National Fellowship, followed the Talladega Women's Choir in procession and as the roll was called a candle was lighted for each State group. Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson, chairman of the National Fellowship, gave the dedicatory message and prayer. The total amount of the Women's Gift was $107,531.69, a gain of $36,000 over the previous gift.

MRS. THOMAS G. WIGHT

FRIENDLY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. R. S. Maile, 1749 West 41st Place, Los Angeles 37, is our new Sewing Chairman, taking Mrs. Cook's place. She has white twill skirts to be made and yarn for sweaters, all for overseas. Many of you will want to help on these projects—the sooner they are finished and sent the more benefit they will be. How many will your group take to make?

Time for sending off the Annual Friendly Service Quotas is here again. The various Association Chairmen have sent these out to the church groups.

We urge that you send off your packages as soon as possible for the final date is December 15, 1946. Our Congregational colleges and hospitals depend on our women for these household and hospital necessities. Enclose a self-addressed card in each package for acknowledgment and inform your chairman what you have sent with its valuation If you prefer to send money do *not* send it to the institution, but to our treasurer, Mrs. Rompage, telling her to which institution it is to be given. Again inform your chairman. *Remember* December 15, 1946.

MRS. HAL D. RIVES

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING GIFT

As reports are made at the General Council meetings every two years, the wonder grows as to how small gifts could reach such a total as is reported concerning the Women's Gift. At the Council meeting four years ago this Women's Gift, which comes from the Congregational women all over our country, was over $40,000. Two years ago it was over $70,000. At the meeting this summer it was over $107,000. That did not mean larger gifts from a few, but more, many more, small gifts from many women. For this year we in our Fellowship of Congregational Women of Southern California and the Southwest have taken for our motto, "Not how much but how many." That is the spirit which has made these large totals possible.

In our Fellowship, our Thankoffering Gift has three projects to which we give, one for work within our Conference, one for work in the United States and one for work abroad. We study about and give to each project for three years, changing one each year. This year the change has come in our giving to our own Conference. For three years we have learned about and given to the work of Rev. Peter Jansen. His work will go on but we will begin to know about and give to another enterprise of our Conference. It is a very vital one to all our churches.

In California our camp is at Pilgrim Pines in the San Bernardino Mountains. In Arizona it is Pilgrim Playground, twenty-five miles south of Flagstaff. In New Mexico, so far, the young people have to borrow a camp. All three of these important places in the work of our Conference have need of our help. Pilgrim Pines wishes it could have a chapel, a place consecrated to worship and spiritual atmosphere. We hope we can help to start that building. In Pilgrim Playground last year seventy-five youngsters were fed from a small and inadequately equipped kitchen. Five hundred dollars will enlarge the kitchen and fit it up. In New Mexico the distances are so great that some help must be found to enable the young people bear the expenses of having this training for leadership which is so much needed in all our churches.

We will be beginning the second year of our helping our Home Mission Board in new church enterprises scattered all over our country, in the wide open spaces of the northwest where a new Sunday school or small church group might be started among otherwise unreached people. Perhaps we may help a young minister to buy a car for his long pastoral trips, or it may be we can place a spiritual leader among uprooted people, whose broken association with the church has made empty hearts.

This is the last of the three years in which we are giving to the wonderful work of Frank Laubach among the illiterates over the world.

Present these three projects to your church group in such a way that every woman will give with understanding her three cents a week, or $1.56 a year. You can have material from your Thankoffering Association Chairman or from the Literature Chairman of the Fellowship or from me. If you wish a speaker, we will try to get one for you. Distribute containers, either homemade or gotten through the above sources, to every woman. Pray for these projects at every meeting. We gave $8,000 last year. Shall we give $10,000 this year?

MRS. FRANKLIN WARNER,
875 COLLEGE AVENUE,
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

APPORTIONMENT GIVING

We are happy to report an increase in apportionment giving by our churches this year through July 31 of twenty-five per cent over the previous year. This is a fine gain but it does not quite reach the goal set for us by the Postwar Emergency Program. To meet our obligations in full we must make it not less than thirty-three and a third per cent by the end of the year.

Let every church do everything possible to help us reach the goal. We are well along to doubling our gifts to War Victims. We must also raise our Benevolence Giving. You will be interested to know that by the end of last year (1945) we had only reached sixty-four per cent of our giving in the predepression years. Every church will want to put forth its best effort in the remaining months of the year. Let our minimum goals be only the minimum. We believe every church can and we hope every church will exceed its goal to take us over the top.

In view of the great need we must match our faith with our gifts. We can make our conference a leading conference in the Postwar Program as every church examines its giving in the light of the world's need and then sets its sights as high as possible. Help us to report to you after the end of the year that we have met the need of the hour with the full support of every church. We know you will help us to do it.

Los Angeles Evangelistic Crusade

Following the Crusade for Christ emphasis in the Methodist churches the Church Federation of Los Angeles is sponsoring a City-wide Evangelistic Crusade from September 29 to November 24. The Department of Evangelism is taking the leadership.

The program calls for a religious census of the area to determine who the prospects are and what churches they are interested in attending. This will be followed by visitation evangelism calls. Prayer and preaching missions with radio broadcasts will conclude the emphasis. Every church needs a program of evangelism if it is truly Christian. You are welcome to the materials and suggestions that are developed for this Crusade if you will write the conference office for literature.

Outstanding local leaders are supporting the Crusade and the Federal Council of Churches is sending some of its specialists. All of the denominations will have national leaders participating in the public meetings.

WEDDINGS OF INTEREST

June 4 was the date of the wedding of Dr. Harland Hogue of Scripps College and Miss Mary Lou Brown a leader in our youth and women's work in the conference. Rev. James H. More and Rev. S. Mark Hogue officiated.

June 9 Rev. Lloyd Galloway and Miss Dorothy C. Kahn, of Kingston, Jamaica, were united in marriage at the Lincoln Memorial Church, Los Angeles. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier and Rev. H. Randolph Moore of St. Phillips Episcopal Church performed the ceremony.

World Relief Is Also Personal

The women of our Arvin Church, who sent relief shipments to Greece, discovered that their ministry was poignantly personal, as indicated by this letter which was sent from Greece to Mrs. Jeannette G. Ronfeldt of Arvin:

"Madame Ronfeldt: I live in Patras. I have three teen age children. My husband died of hunger in 1941 and one of the children died, too. I have three children that are very weak from hunger.

"In our city there is a philanthropic organization called The Children's Station. This organization accepts small poor children, clothes and feeds them. I gave one of my children to the organization, because I was a war widow. The child is six years old.

"On Easter they gave each child a little package. The package they gave to my child contained three yards of material, one towel, one pair of mittens, one toothbrush, one comb, six spools of thread, four packages of razor blades, caramels, stationery, envelopes and other things we need.

"Because I am sure this package came from you with the beautiful gifts, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart along with my three orphans for the kindness you have done for us and to beg you not to forget us in the future.

"I want to tell you how happy the children were when they opened the package. We are praying that Almighty God repays you for all this kindness and watches over you. Respectfully yours, ANASTASSIA."

(Relief articles, with your name and address attached, designated for particular area, may be sent to the United Church Service Center, 110 Compton Ave., Los Angeles. Call Kimball 0753 if collection is desired.)

HEIFERS FOR RELIEF

Many church schools and church organizations in our fellowship are assuming part or all of the expense of $150 to supply a "Heifer for Relief." Millions of children are starving because, while European farmers have feed, they have no milk, butter, cheese because war has destroyed their cattle.

Children as well as youth and adults are intrigued by this farsighted and practical plan for reestablishing dairy herds in Europe. Heifers (soon to calve) cost $150. They will be shipped free of charge.

Why not write for full information to Heifers for Relief, an interfaith, nonprofit organization, with headquarters at 30 N. Marion St., Pasadena 4, Calif.

Invitation To Invest In Youth

A devoted group of laymen of our conference headed by Dr. N. Matzen and Prof. Baylor Brooks are so interested in Pilgrim Pines that they have decided to raise funds to pay off the balance of its $10,000 debt. Already more than $6,000 is assured. They are anxious to clear the debt promptly to release further funds for future development.

Pilgrim Pines has added almost sixty-five acres of land to its holdings mostly through a gift from Dr. Herbert Ide's friends in Redlands. Now we have seventy-five acres. Thousands of people, mostly youth gain the inspiration from our program. Join the drive to eliminate the debt by sending checks to the Conference Treasurer, 1052 E. 6th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Howard Way, a layman from San Bernardino for his effort in getting the road into camp oiled and resurfaced. It is now possible to enter camp without leaving good roads.

THE CHRISTIAN MAKES A WILL

The Christian makes a will because he recognizes that he is answerable to God for the use made of his resources during his lifetime—and after.

In his will he makes provision, first, for those persons who are dependent upon him, then for the organizations which are depent upon him for the means of carrying forward his ideals.

Such gifts can mean an immortality of influence. To him that hath even a little, this opportunity is offered. Some of the Christian organizations worthy of being remembered in your will are:

The Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest, 1052 W. Sixth St., Suite 723, Los Angeles 14, Calif.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational and Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

The American Missionary Association, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

The Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

The American Bible Society, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

The General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

These agencies, and others, are also equipped to arrange for annuity or conditional gift contracts. Insure the permanence of some Christian work by making your will with it as the ultimate beneficiary.

Your Conference staff members will be happy to confer with anyone who is interested in any form of legacy or gift. We are also glad to confer with possible Conditional Gift or Annuity Contract donors.

If you are interested in any special project such as young people's work, missions in the United States or in other countries we will be anxious to help in any way possible.

You may also feel free to speak with your minister about possible memorial gifts to your church. See to it that your influence is guaranteed in the causes which you have loved. Your investment in the Christian enterprise will bear the most rewarding of any contribution you make. The Christian guarantees the continuance of his influence in the disposition he makes of his substance and in the way he invests his life.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT ILL

It is with real regret that we report that Rev. Glenn A. Rowles, Associate: Superintendent and Editor of PILGRIM FRONTIER, has been seriously ill at the hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles. As we go to press the indications are all favorable and he seems to be making a good recovery, although it will be impossible for him to carry his usual responsibilities for some little time. We are all looking forward to his return to the office and his work among churches and ministers of the Conference.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

ALPINE is well along with the construction of its parsonage and is expecting to complete it within the next few months. This achievement was only possible because they had begun work before materials were frozen. Rev. Fred A. Line is the minister.

CALIPATRIA UNION has accepted the resignation of Rev. L. L. Steadman. They are now looking for a new minister.

CHULA VISTA conducted a Community Church Vacation School, beginning July 15. . . . Eighteen new members were received at a summer communion service. . . . The church recently made possible a gift to renovate the piano of the Chinese Congregational Mission in San Diego. Rev. Williston Wirt, minister.

ESCONDIDO had a Birthday Dinner. Each table represented one month of the year. High school and elementary school graduates were honored at this occasion. . . . The Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of over 300. Rev. A. H. Ackley is the minister.

LA JOLLA UNION has had a series of sermons on "Books." Subjects included "The Book of Life" and "The Book of the Month." Rev. William Forshaw is the minister.

LEMON GROVE has reached a total of $20,000 in cash and pledges toward a goal of $25,000 for its first unit of the new building. Sixty-five solicitors participated in the canvass. The first $15,000 was raised in forty-eight hours. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, pastor.

SAN DIEGO FIRST had Rev. Charles L. Knight of Bethel Church, Ontario, as guest preacher during July. Dr. Wm. C. Jones and Supt. Dreier have supplied the pulpit on other Sundays. . . . Chaplain Walter Stark has been called to the pastorate of this church. He will begin his ministry September 15.

SAN DIEGO JAPANESE celebrated the first anniversary of the reopening of its church with an infant baptism service conducted by Rev. Kenji Kikuchi, pastor, and a musical from Miss Alice Grubb. More than 100 persons were present. . . . Rev. Seido Ogawa, recently from Hawaii and a field worker for the Congrega-

tional Committee for Christian Democracy, was a guest speaker on July 28.

San Diego Kensington reported on July 29 having raised $15,071.25 on its building fund campaign. The Vacation School was held in several homes because of the construction of the new church. Rev. Lester E. Bond, minister.

San Diego Logan Heights conducted a panel discussion on the Interracial Church, which resulted in action by the church to constitute itself as an Interracial Church to serve its community. Rev. E. M. Shaver has been called to be associated with Rev. Lowell E. Cantrell in the leadership of the new project.

Vista had a visit from Associate Superintendent Glenn A. Rowles, who spoke on "The Larger Fellowship" in preparation for a special missionary offering. Rev. Edgar A. Griffith, minister.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

Phoenix, Encanto Park held a combined church and church school service during the summer, at ten o'clock. Rev. O. G. Herbrecht, former minister, now secretary of the Council of Churches, preached in the absence of Rev. Waldo S. Richards. . . . A fine group of young people attended camp at Pilgrim Playground.

Phoenix First was represented by fifteen persons at the Summer Camp. The pastor, Rev. Fredrick A. Barnhill, was elected Advisor, and Charles Lindar was elected President of the Association Pilgrim Fellowship. . . . A young adult group has been organized recently. . . . Six new members were received during July.

Prescott has coöperated in a Larger Parish project, involving the organization of Sunday school and worship services at Humboldt and the rehabilitation of the Congregational Church there, under the leadership of Mr. F. E. Fox, a Student Summer Service worker from Union Seminary. . . . Dr. Berry of England was a guest speaker at a midweek dinner program. Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, minister.

Tombstone is contemplating the rebuilding of part of its church school structure and is looking forward to the full-time services of Rev. Clifford S. Higby, the minister, in meeting the religious needs of its growing community.

KERN ASSOCIATION

Arvin reports the death of Rev. Samuel C. Carson, a retired Congregational minister and member of the church. Mr. Carson was born in Ireland. He had served churches in Panama, Rosedale, Wasco and Oildale, before his retirement in 1935. Surviving in the immediate family are his wife Margaret E. Carson, a son Vance Carson of Fresno, and a daughter Mrs. Keith Mitchell of Arvin. Rev. Anthony S. Donat conducted the service. Rev. Glenn A. Rowles and Rev. Peter J. Jansen, of the conference staff were among guest preachers during the absence of the minister Rev. C. H. Hoffman.

Panama has had the services of Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott, Student Summer Service workers from Andover Newton Seminary during the summer while the minister Rev. John S. Buus managed Pilgrim Pines Camp.

Tehachapi enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Loyal L. Wirt during the vacation of the pastor Rev. Isaac Fleming. Dr. Wirt also spoke at the California Institution for Women where he learned of the need for good library books. He is collecting such books and will welcome especially biographies of good women.

Wasco had the interesting experience of having the services conducted

by laymen of the church while the minister attended summer school at Sylvandale, Colorado. Nine of the young people attended camp at Pilgrim Pines during the summer. Rev. Robert Cleland, minister.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

ALTADENA was slighted in our last issue when we said $3,600 was raised in a building fund campaign. The fact is $36,000 was raised and the church deserves high praise. During the absence of Dr. M. K. W. Heicher on vacation the pulpit was supplied by Supt. Dreier, Rev. Peter J. Jansen, Rev. Harry P. Leach and Rev. Clark Breeze.

AVALON has had the interim services of Rev. Robert M. Pratt, of Quincy, Illinois during the summer months.

BUENA PARK reports that the women have changed their name from Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society to Women's Fellowship. They recently provided funds to buy a heifer for the stricken people of Europe and they placed a beautiful new curtain on the stage of the social hall. One of the groups in the church recently decorated a Junior worship room called Junior Chapel. The young married people have organized and are known as the Kum-Doubles. Their immediate project is to provide a nursery during church service. They plan a study course in the New Testament. A new Pilgrim Fellowship for college age youth has been organized. Rev. Paul Neerman is minister.

BURBANK with Rev. Arthur W. Felkley as minister reports a Children's Day Pageant "He Speaketh Yet" directed by Mrs. Felkley. Supt. Dreier was a recent pulpit guest. This church has a nine-forty-five service specially for youth and a fine youth choir, in addition to the regular morning service.

CLAREMONT led all of our Congregational churches in the country in gifts to War Victims with total giving of $11,135.03. The next largest amount was about half that large. Rev. Homer V. Yinger, minister, made a splendid invitation for the General Council to meet in Claremont in 1948 at the recent meeting in Grinnell, Iowa. Pilgrim Place reports the resignation of Dr. Edward D. Gaylord as executive secretary because of ill health. He is succeeded by Dr. Carl M. Gates.

GLENDALE has employed Mrs. Stuart Brockway as director of young people's and children's work for the church. She is a graduate of Yankton College. Associate Superintendent Glenn A. Rowles was guest preacher while Rev. Jesse F. Perrin attended the General Council.

LONG BEACH BAYSHORE held a reception for the new assistant minister Mr. Elmer Windisch and for all new members received since January 1. Supt. Dreier and Assoc. Supt. Glenn A. Rowles were guest preachers during Rev. Milton Gabrielson's vacation.

LONG BEACH FIRST recently held a school for ushers. The Men's Association of the church are raising funds for a memorial Carillon for the church. The summer pulpit guests included Rev. Harland Hogue, Dr. W. B. Henley, Dr. C. S. Gillett and Rev. Mr. Yinger. Rev. Stuart L. Anderson, the minister, made the nominating address placing in nomination Dr. Albert W. Palmer, who was elected Moderator of the General Council at Grinnell.

LAGUNA BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD has called Rev. Philip Gregory, minister of the First Congregational Church, Minneapolis. Mr. Gregory has accepted and he will begin his leadership of the church November 1.

L. A. COLONIAL has had a fine list of vacation supplies including: Rev.

John L. Hopwood, of Westwood Hills and formerly of Hawaii; Rev. John H. Warner, until recently of Brazil; Rev. Seido Ogawa, of Hawaii, and Mrs. James F. McKinley who will soon join her husband in the Philippines. Rev. Gordon J. Baker, minister, recently served as counselor to a Young Adult Camp at Pilgrim Playground, Arizona.

L. A. First recently had the commissioning service for Mary Jane Reininger, formerly of the church staff who is under appointment to go to India. The church is providing her support. She spoke at the Sunday Evening Club on a recent Sunday. Dr. Sydney Berry was also on this program telling of the needs in Britain.

L. A. Eagle Rock heard Assoc. Supt. Glenn A. Rowles on a vacation Sunday. Rev. Paul Babbitt was a delegate to the General Council at Grinnell, Iowa.

L. A. Hollywood First has called Miss Marjorie Bullock to be Director of Christian Education. She is a recent graduate of Chicago Seminary. She started in her new position on September 1.

L. A. Immanuel of Graham dedicated a memorial organ honoring two young men from the church who paid the supreme sacrifice on June 16. Supt. Dreier and Rev. Peter J. Jansen were guest preachers during the vacation of Rev. George F. Orloff.

L. A. Messiah reports that Rev. Reynold B. Boden, minister, spent the summer vacationing and preaching in eastern pulpits. Rev. Melvin H. Harter, Rev. J. Randolph Sasnett and Rev. Peter J. Jansen were among the supply preachers.

L. A. Mt. Hollywood had a fine vacation church school with sixty-five enrolled including Protestant, Catholic and Jewish children. The work of revamping the educational plant for more adequate youth work is under way. Rev. Allen A. Hunter is pastor.

L. A. North Hollywood Church of the Pilgrims has moved its services to the Oddfellows Hall where both Church School and a Morning Worship service are possible. This church has made a splendid beginning in its first year. Rev. Eugene L. Warner is the minister.

L. A. Pilgrim has raised $3,000 to reroof the church, paint the parsonage, install classroom and stage in the social hall and equip and redecorate the Social Hall. We are always glad to see our churches show pride in maintaining and beautifying their property. Rev. C. Fred Hutslar, Jr. is the minister.

L. A. Plymouth had Assoc. Supt. Glenn A. Rowles as speaker for the Women's Guild. The Mary and Martha group provide substitute teachers for the Church School on call. Dr. Willis Fisher of U.S.C. School of Religion has given a recent series of lectures on "The Problem of Suffering." Rev. James H. More, pastor.

L. A. Western Knoll had a Choir Recognition Sunday. This is a fine idea and deserves commendation. We take the musicians of our churches for granted far too much. Talks were presented by lay leaders of the church. Mr. Joe Moody and Miss Dorothy Andrews attended the General Council and the Youth Council respectively. Rev. George W. Haskell, minister.

L. A. Westwood Hills has been in the process of raising a $20,000 inclusive budget. In the past six years the income of this church has increased from $3,000 to $13,000 annually and the church has paid a mortgage of $13,500, built a new chancel, rebuilt and installed a pipe organ. Rev. S. Mark Hogue, minister.

Pacoima has accepted the resignation of Rev. Carrie V. Lucas as of August 1 and has moved promptly to call Rev. L. L. Steadman, for the last few years minister of our church at Calipatria.

Pasadena First has exceeded its goal of $1,500 for War Victims. . . . Rev. Winthrop M. Mager has resigned as associate minister and Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson, minister, has resigned, effective as of the close of January, 1947.

Pomona Pilgrim reports that Frank W. Cummings, Minister of Music, gave a lecture on "Choral Music" at the conference held at the University of Redlands for the Choral Conductors' Guild. . . . The church has raised funds to be contributed to the Heifer Relief project. Rev. Victor M. Rhein is the minister.

Santa Ana reports receiving five new members at a recent communion service, which makes twenty-one this year thus far. . . . A beautiful Children's Chapel was dedicated on Children's Day for the Beginners and Primary Departments. . . . Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Oregon was guest preacher during the vacation of the Rev. Fred W. Niedringhaus, pastor.

Santa Barbara First had the services of Rev. Raymond Wasser, minister of the First Plymouth Congregational Church of Denver, Colorado, during the month of Rev. Eugene Sill's vacation.

Sierra Madre had a welcoming reception for the new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

South Pasadena Oneonta has had the services of John Elmore, a student at Pomona College, as summer assistant in youth work, supervising the playground and Junior and Senior High play nights. Rev. Henry David Gray, minister.

Whittier Plymouth has accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. John Knox, who has served as church organist for eighteen years. The choir entertained Mr. and Mrs. Know, making fitting presentations, which showed high esteem and appreciation for them. . . . Mr. W. Topping, a faithful American Board missionary in China, has returned to join his family in Whittier. Rev. Hugh Lovell, minister.

Willowbrook continues a strong youth center program, with 900 young people registered. A large court has been paved with asphalt, adjoining the church. Camp-at-Home shows have been provided for the young people of the community on Monday and Wednesday nights during the summer. Rev. Norman L. Brown is the minister.

NEW MEXICO–EL PASO ASSOCIATION

Albuquerque First is expecting to be ready to dedicate their new church unit in early October. Rev. Clarence E. Parr, minister.

Bayard Union has accepted the resignation of Rev. Isaac N. Stanley, and is looking for a new minister.

El Paso Valley Community has called Rev. Winthrop M. Mager to its leadership and he has been at work in this field since September 1.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

Alessandro Valley Community is making a survey of its field, using the services of Mr. Carl Palmberg, who has been doing Student Summer Service in the Conference this summer season. Rev. J. E. Jansen, minister.

Barstow First has accepted the resignation of Rev. Harold E. Baber, because of ill health. Supt. Dreier and Rev. Perry F. Schrock have been recent pulpit guests. . . . Mr. Joe Brady, a student of Chicago Seminary has provided summertime leadership for the church.

Big Bear has purchased a new site for the location of the church

and is looking forward to building as soon as materials are available. Rev. Harold K. Needham is the minister.

BLOOMINGTON has done a fine piece of work in redecoration of the parsonage, both inside and outside.

HIGHLAND has given special recognition to the conclusion of a year's work by the minister, Rev. Willis E. Smith. . . . Sunday morning congregations have tripled in attendance. . . . The choir has new robes. . . . There are young people's groups for both junior and senior high ages. . . . Organ chimes with a public address system have been installed and a new chancel has been placed as a worship center for the sanctuary. . . . A building campaign is under way to raise $25,000 with which to increase the religious education facilities of the church.

REDLANDS celebrated Student Sunday in recognition of the church and its members and the students who live in the community. . . . Better than $1,061.35 was contributed recently to War Victims. . . .

RIVERSIDE FIRST reports that it has doubled its pledge to benevolences in the past four years. . . . Twenty new members were received and twenty-one babies baptized on Easter Sunday. Rev. Francis C. Ellis is the minister.

UNITED STEWARDSHIP YEAR

Initial announcements have gone out to our ministers from Thomas K. Thompson, Secretary of Christian Stewardship, Missions Council, concerning the United Stewardship Year, October 1, 1946 to December 31, 1947.

It seeks the coöperation of the 5,875 Congregational churches in our fellowship in a program of stewardship education and action in order that Christians may grow in grace and the Kingdom may grow in power.

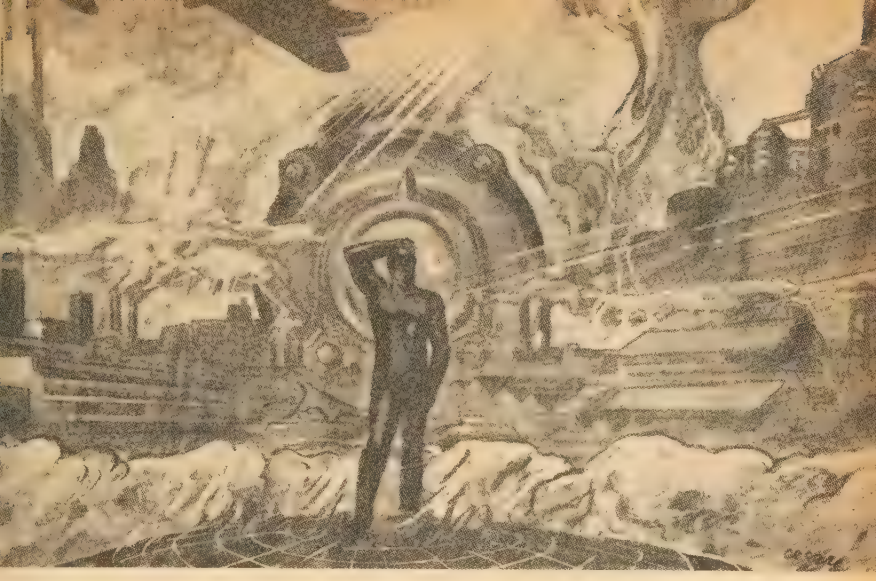
But it is broader than one denomination. Thirty-two denominations have united for a nation-wide enlistment of Christians in a consecration of their lives and money to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Ministers and interested lay leaders will find in the June, 1946, issue of the Envelope Series, American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, or by correspondence with Thomas K. Thompson, Stewardship Secretary, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., details of the proposed year's emphasis.

A LIST OF CHURCHES AND MEMBERS RECEIVED

Churches whose reports on accession of members from January to Easter of this year failed to reach the Conference Office in time for the June FRONTIER are listed below. The first column indicates those received on confession of faith, the second the total:

Arizona Association		
Phoenix Union	11	15
Prescott, First	9	23
Tempe	6	24
Kern Association		
Panama	2	2
Los Angeles Association		
Altadena Community	7	20
L. A. Colonial	6	15
L. A. Eagle Rock United	19	36
L. A. First	..	246
L. A. North Hollywood	3	10
South Pasadena Oneonta	64	102
New Mexico–El Paso Association		
Hurley	..	5
San Bernardino Association		
Ontario Bethel	2	7
San Bernardino	15	49



an we cope with the machines and gadgets
our changing civilization? Dr. Rall
lds that control can come only as we live
selfishly and share in God's plans

NEEDED: *A new "economy"*

HARRIS FRANKLIN RALL

THE speed of jet propelled planes is matched only by the rapidity change in contemporary life. With h leaf that falls from the calendar, re flashes before us some new dis-very, a cherished hope, desperate man need.

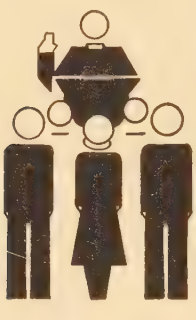
We know this to be true—but we not really comprehend it. We ve grown too accustomed to astro-nical statistics of modern war ts and human suffering; too weary, haps, of headlines to understand y their meaning.

But we cannot and must not ignore the fundamental ruptures and developments that threaten the very existence of civilization. As Christians, who know the history of men since the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, we have a dim sense that our age outstrips in urgency any other of the Christian era.

I say that we have a dim sense of this fact. Few of us encompass in our hearts and minds the desperate need for all that the gospel—if eloquently preached and sacrificially

supported—might bring to a world on the brink of disaster.

Therefore, it is good that "steward" and "stewardship"—New Testament words, very rich in meaning—are coming back into circulation in the Christian church. They stand for a great conception, not only of



the Christian life, but of God's work and purposes in our world.

Paul used these words more frequently than any early Christian teacher. The Greek word for stewardship, *oikonomia*, means literally houserule, or management. We have it in our English word, economy. The one who was entrusted with such duties as were included in political

economy, or domestic economy, the Greeks called the *oikonomos*, the "economist," that is, the steward.

In the Christian setting these are great words. First of all, they have

to do with God himself. "My Father worketh," said Jesus. God is carrying on a divine enterprise in the world. It is concerned with the church, "the household of the faith," the family of God. God has an order or an economy, for the church; back of it is a divine purpose and plan of life. But God is concerned, not with the church alone, but with the whole world. There is a divine order for the world's life and divine way of working in the world and with it. The foundations of this divine order are justice, mercy, truth and faith. In that order there is life and peace. Apart from it there is chaos.

This order of economy of God is something more than a demand he makes upon us. The whole New Testament is built upon the idea that God's order is one of saving help. Our fathers called it the "economy of grace." We call it the gospel. God is not a king giving commands or the world owner asking an accounting from his servants, or the Lord of the temple requiring ritual and sacrifice. He is the creating, redeeming God, present in his church, working in his world. He is the Father dwelling with his children.

Out of such a faith there grows the Christian idea of stewardship. God is at work, but he works through men. The kingdom is his deed and gift, but he does not drop his gifts into idle hands. His kingdom is not

rule imposed, an institution to be tablished. It is a gift of life and way of life. It can come only as en answer in faith, live in love and are in what God is doing.

This is what stewardship means. is an inspiring conception of human e. It sees life as a trust, as high venture, as the great privilege of ose to whom God has made known s purpose and whom he calls to are his task in this changing world.

Look Understandingly At God's Cross

The scope of this trust—our stewdship—is as wide as the purpose God. If his kingdom is to include the world and all its life, then that true of man's stewardship.

The nation is part of this kingdom. od has a purpose for America, just truly as he had when he called rael. With our wealth and strength, are called to serve God's purpose brotherhood for the nations. But ove all, the nation must serve men d further God's purpose in shaping e future. Here belongs the recogni-n that no man is absolute owner fields and woods and mines, nor t the nation itself. All are held in ust for the service of men. Here is e demand that all men shall have edom and a chance to work, with a t and adequate return for their toil. re is the requirement of respect man as man, with no distinction race or color or creed.

Our inner life is part of this king-m—there is a stewardship of the ul. The rich fool joined field to d, but he could not answer the estion: what about your soul? re is a kingdom of high possibility rusted to us. To be a "real per-n," to gain wealth in the kingdom the spirit, to "grow up into Him who is our head," this is our first calling. Self-discipline, worship, aspiration for the highest—fellowship with the great spirits of the past—this and more belongs to the stewardship of the soul.

Our everyday calling is a stewardship. Jeremy Taylor was right when he said long ago that ploughman and artisan and merchant were "in their calling the ministers of the divine providence, and the stewards of creation, and servants of a great family of God, the world." This means work, socially creative work con-

tributing to the common need in this world of change. To be idle, simply because someone has provided us with money, is to sin against God and man. The good steward spends wisely, without waste or self-indul-

gence or display, using money as talents to further high ends. The good steward gives at a cost; gives to the church as it does its special work for God; gives to serve the desperate needs of men.

The church has a stewardship; the stewardship of the gospel. God depends upon the church to bring his message to men. To have bread and hold it when men are dying of hunger is no greater sin than possessing the truth of God and not sharing it with men. Paul called himself a steward of the gospel, and all the world is different because he was loyal to that trust. Every disciple, as a member of the Fellowship, has this same responsibility. This is why, as members of churches, we are dedicated to the missionary enterprise. In its own community each local church has a rich and varied stewardship which includes public worship and the training of men and women and childre in the Christian life. Above all, th church's stewardship includes th realization of that fellowship in whic the life of God's kingdom of love realized and expressed here on earth

Viewed in this wide and truly Christian sense, the idea of stewarc ship involves nothing less than ou whole belief in God and his purpose It involves our ideas and hopes fc mankind in this age of urgency. An if we think of stewardship in this all embracing sense, we understand mor clearly our own individual responsi bility to keep faith with God in ou own lives and in every aspect o human endeavor. The time is shor —the need for all that this experienc of stewardship might bring to a worl on the brink of chaos is desperate.

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United Stewardship Year

October 1, 1946–December 31, 1947

During this period, thirty-two denominations unite for a nationwid enlistment of Christians in a consecration of their lives and money to th upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. This program will be known as th United Stewardship Emphasis. Its objectives are a new commitment o individuals to a wider and deeper Christian living; a recognition by the loca church that it is a sharing, serving concern; and a new power in the worl community through a concerned Christendom acting for the benefit of al mankind on the basis of Christ's gospel.

It will be promoted by the Commission on Stewardship of our Genera Council. This Commission, through its chairman, the Rev. Samuel Olive of Muskegon, Michigan, and the denomination's Secretary of Christia Stewardship, Thomas K. Thompson, will keep in touch with the Unite Stewardship Council, will keep our Fellowship informed of what othe denominations are doing in the field of stewardship, and will recommen techniques and materials.

For information and suggestions write to: the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Boys and Girls:

What happens to the quarters, nickels, and dimes you bring to Sunday School? Why do you bring them? What do the words of the offering song you sing every Sunday really mean? Already I can hear your eager answers:

"Our money is helping hungry children throughout the world."

"Some of our money helps

to send a missionary doctor to China."

"We helped send a teacher to carry on vacation schools for children who wouldn't have them unless we helped."

"We gave some of our offering to our church."

Just so! The money you bring is money you share.

It's magic money, really, for it goes places and does things for you that you couldn't do all by yourself. Without you and your weekly money gift, some boy or girl just wouldn't eat; some boy or girl would have no church, or doctor, or school; your church might have to go without pictures and books for you to use in your Sunday School classes and groups.

Yes, your weekly gift of money to your church is mighty important.

Once a year your church asks you: "How much will YOU give each week?"

When you answer that question remember what your money, together with the money given by all the other boys and girls, men and women in your church will do.

It will help:

Other boys and girls to know and worship God, to hear the story of Jesus and know His teachings.

Send Christian ministers,

Send teachers, junior high boys and girls, and high school youth to summer camps and conferences. (Ask your teacher about this.)

Pay for light, heat, cleaning, insurance. (Ask your teacher about this item.)

"As Much for Others as for

teachers, doctors, farmers, and nurses to Africa, China, India, Japan, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and many places in our own United States.

Support the within-the-four-walls of your own church work—

Pay the minister, the organist, the janitor.

Buy books, story papers, pictures, maps, textbooks, lesson folders, and other Sunday School supplies.

Ourselves"—let that be your slogan. "Every boy and girl giving every week in the year" —let that be your goal.

What will you give? Will you be a 25 cent a week giver? 20 cent a week giver? 15 cent a week giver? 10 cent a week giver? 5 cent a week giver?

Let each of you give what he can.

"Thy work, O God, needs many hands
To help Thee everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve
Unless our gifts we share.

"Because we love Thee and Thy work
We bring our pledges today.
Be pleased to use them as Thine own
For friends at home and far away."

Mildred C. Widber

Miss Widber is Secretary of Children's Work in the Division of Christian Education of our Board of Home Missions. Illustrations by Marjorie Thompson. Hymn used by permission of Calvin W. Laufer. Words adapted.

What's Past *is Prologue*

Our General Council takes a long look at history and resolves to make some!

BUELL G. GALLAGHER

HISTORY is a one way street. But the wise driver uses his rear-vision mirror before making a turn in our confused and disorganized world—particularly if it is a left turn!

Our General Council at Grinnell did just that. We took a long, clear look at history—and resolved to make some!

The trespass of the past upon the present is inevitable. But the trespasser can be an ally for men of intelligence decently equipped with a minimum of courage. The delegates at Grinnell recalled the developments of a crusading century and started a new crusade to complete the job.

Our American Missionary Association was formed in 1846; its three objectives were to end slavery, to do away with polygamy and to eradicate caste. A century later, legal slavery is dead; polygamy exists only in serial form through the divorce courts; but caste is more firmly entrenched than ever.

This was the dominant fact before the General Council: two-thirds of a job done, but one-third remaining, and that the most difficult. It calls for the spirit of Arthur Tappan as he went to Albany to take out the arti-

The delegates gather between sessions

Mr. Mueller presents Pleasant Hill's dancers

Dr. Douglas Horton, Council Minister

cles of incorporation for the A.M.A. A friend warned him, saying, "Don't do it, Arthur! It'll ruin your business." And Tappan replied, "My business is for sale, but not my conscience."

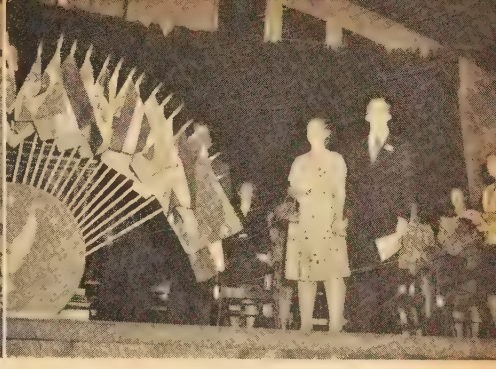
That was the mind of our Grinnell General Council as it decided, with only four dissenting votes, to dedicate the next biennium to a major emphasis on more nearly Christian human relations, pledging themselves to work "for an unsegregated Church in an unsegregated society."

With the same determination, this General Council formally voted to ask the Federal Council of Churches to call an interchurch conference of representatives of all denominations which are ready to consider church union now. It expressed a "holy

Pleasant Hill students sing folk ballads

A Committee meets to consider action

Delegates view the A.M.A. exhibits



Presenting new American Board missionaries

impatience" at seeing the world involved in needless want and tragedy for the lack of application of the principles of the teachings of Christ.

Therefore it requested the Federal Council of Churches "to convene a plenary session of representatives of American churches to consider the possibility of immediate closer unity of American denominations which already accord one another mutual recognition of ministries and sacraments." It was understood that this resolution was not offered as a substitute for any plans for union between two or more churches. The resolution was approved enthusiastically and unanimously. It is expected that the Federal Council of Churches will act upon it at its biennial meeting this December.

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, Council Moderator

One of the special seminars in session

The Talladega Choir sings for the assembly

Two members of the Dillard Players

An address by a newly-appointed missionary

Considerable progress was made in negotiations for the merger of our Congregational Christian churches with the Evangelical and Reformed churches. In view of the details still to be worked out, action on the union was postponed until the 1948 General Council. However, the Council has been empowered to call a special meeting in 1947 if progress in plans for the merger seems to warrant it.

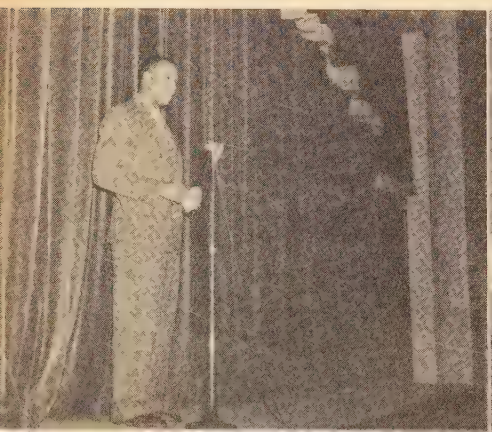
The General Council pioneered in certain other fields. After an overwhelming vote of confidence, the Council for Social Action went on to secure approval of a resolution favoring national planning by the development of river valleys modeled after the TVA, whose director, David Lilienthal, was a main speaker at the Council. A resolution specifically approving the formation of a Missouri Valley Authority was passed by the 150 delegates in the section which discussed rural planning.

The goals of our Postwar Emergency Program were raised from $4,466,576 to $6,114,576. This is the result of new estimates of world needs for relief and reconstruction which exceed first estimates made before hostilities ceased. This sum is over and above the total contributions for all purposes of our churches of $23,252,000 last year.

Many other forward-looking steps were taken by the General Council. The major issues in a world of change held the center of the stage. Yes, we looked at history—and resolved to make some—in the right direction.

Dr. Gallagher was formerly President of Talladega College and is now Professor of Christian Ethics at the Pacific School of Religion.

John M. Ross, of Dillard's drama staff



Prof. Muilenburg, Council lecturer

REPORT AND AN APPEAL

THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

After one year

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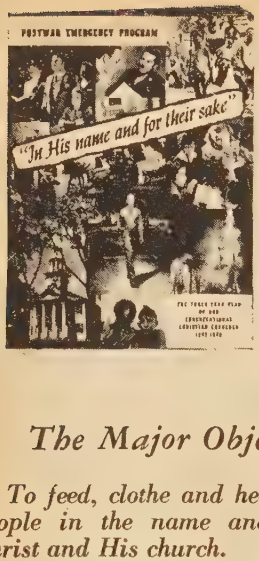
THE THREE-YEAR PLAN
OF OUR
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

"In His name and for their sake"



A REPORT TO YOU . . .

"In His name and for their sake"

WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE MUST DO NOW FO THE TOTAL SUCCESS OF THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRA

The Major Objectives

1. To feed, clothe and heal suffering people in the name and spirit of Christ and His church.

2. To provide Christian fellowship and aid for peoples and churches uprooted by the war.

3. To replace churches, schools, homes, hospitals and equipment damaged and destroyed by war.

4. To strengthen our churches at home and abroad that they may be fit for their postwar tasks.

5. To build understanding, reconciliation and good will in tension areas, and a Christian world order.

These major objectives, undertaken by each church in the area of its own life, and by all of us in the togetherness of our Fellowship, constitute a program for action wherein every gift of time, talent and money is devoted to imperative human needs with the insight, faith and concern of the Kingdom of God.

● To aid war victims we have welfare workers to Greece; a Mec Nutritional Unit to Italy for rese and rehabilitation activities; per nel trained in distribution of reli France; material aid to Holland; to starving Jewish children in Cer Europe and to prisoners of war; young American Congregationa to help in London mission churc From October 1, 1945 to July 1, 1 $360,000 had been spent in these ar $75,000 had been sent to China fo lief purposes, and $60,000 was on h for additional new projects during summer.

● Fellowship and aid have been to uprooted church groups and ples: money to help Congregati church groups in Czechoslovakia, garia and Greece; $11,000 for ai Japanese-Americans returning f Relocation Centers; a budget of 900 set aside for a program of i grating these people into our church life; over $41,000 spent ministry to industrial worker churchless areas in America; $1 appropriated for counseling ser for ex-servicemen and women in leges; and $2,500 to the work of International Missionary Counci

● A beginning has been made to restoring property lost through damage on foreign mission fi

$50,000 worth of surplus army medical supplies bought for hospitals in China and the Philippines; another $50,000 for emergency repairs to buildings partially destroyed to save them from further loss; $10,000 sent to China to rehabilitate our hospital in Taiku; a total of $20,000 sent to begin repairs on our schools and colleges in Foochow, China; $16,317 spent to reimburse forty-seven of our missionaries for personal property losses caused by the war.

● We have done these things to strengthen our churches at home and abroad: pledged $102,000 to our Commission on Evangelism for the development of spiritual life; $4,500 has been spent for a new church in the warborn community of Bayard, New Mexico and $30,000 for the new interracial Church of Christian Fellowship in Los Angeles; specialists in evangelism, religious education, churchmanship, health and other fields have been sent to our Younger Churches abroad; plans have been made for delayed repairs to mission property in Turkey, Mexico, India and elsewhere.

● In the field of understanding and good will we have a great responsibility: we have pledged $300,000 to colleges and schools of the American Missionary Association for additions, repairs and replacements; for increased services of our Common Ground workers, including the Rev. A. Ritchie Low, minister of our church in Johnson, Vermont, and the Rev. Galen R. Weaver, of our Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, who will direct a two-year race relations emphasis of the A.M.A. and the Council for Social Action. C.S.A. plans a five-year program of research and service.

WHAT MUST BE DONE NOW

1. Surpass the minimum goal of an average gift of $2.00 per member per year to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. Urge your church to adopt the Sacrificial Giving Plan of C.W.V.R. and other methods for reaching at least this goal of $2.00 per member per year.

2. Urge and support your church in doing its full share in our 40% Increased Apportionment Giving. Pledges for budgeted apportionment for 1946 '47 and '48 must be 40% above those of 1945 if our Postwar Emergency Program is to succeed.

3. Arrange an American Missionary Association Birthday Party in your church. This is the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of the A.M.A. which is to receive $300,000 from the Postwar Emergency Program. All birthday gifts count on the Postwar Emergency Program.

4. Make an individual gift over and above all of your other giving. You can give it to the total Postwar Emergency Program and it will be divided among the several items. Or, you can designate your gift for any one of the items listed on next page.

THESE ARE THE NEEDS
THIS IS OUR JOB NOW
TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT

THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRA

of the Congregational Christian Churches

"In His name and for their sake"

1945–1948

A

Relief, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction through Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction

AMOUNT NEEDED $3,207,764

		EACH YEAR	3-YEAR PERIOD
1	RELIEF to War Victims through our Service Committee, Church World Service, other agencies	$450,000	$1,350,000
2	REHABILITATION of the Uprooted Peoples and Churches in Europe, Asia and United States	60,000	180,000
3	MINISTRY to returned Servicemen through counseling service in colleges and universities	55,000	165,000
4	RECONSTRUCTION of our churches, schools, hospitals, residences damaged during the war	431,507	1,294,520

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Emergency Needs and Opportunities through Increased Apportionment Giving (formerly S. C. I

AMOUNT NEEDED $1,258,8

		EACH YEAR	3-YE PER
1	STRENGTHENING our Churches and our Leadership here and abroad for critical postwar service	$211,000	$64
2	REHABILITATING Buildings of our Negro Colleges and Schools to meet increased postwar needs	73,333	22
3	DELAYED REPAIRS on hospitals, schools, homes and churches on our overseas mission fields	43,950	13
4	BUILDING Understanding and Good Will by study and reconciliation in tension areas of world life	66,667	20

TOTAL BASIC NEEDS — $4,466,576

(Includes approximately 7% for promotion)

For relief and reconstruction needs of churches and church life in Europe and Asia unknown when above figures were adopted

$1,000,000

Toward the war-occasioned needs of State Conferences for the three-year pe of our Postwar Emergency Program

$648,000

GRAND TOTAL — $6,114,576

TO BE SECURED

Through increased membership in the REGULAR or SACRIFICIAL GIVING PLAN, supplemented by special offerings and by special individual gifts

TO BE SECURED

Through 40% INCREASED APP TIONMENT GIVING over 1945 (merly S. C. I.) through the Every Mem Canvass and through individual gifts

SEND YOUR GIFTS

FOR A-1-2-3-4 TO

Elbert A. Harvey, Treasurer of the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

FOR B-1-2-3-4 TO

Your State Conference Treasu Specially designated gifts may be s to him or to the Treasurer of Board for which the gift is designa

ABOUT PEOPLE ABROAD

DOROTHY P. CUSHING

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FIELD. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen Thompson, of West Hartford, Connecticut, have been appointed Congregational career missionaries for educational work under our American Board for Foreign Missions in Foochow, China. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston University, the University of Michigan and Harvard University. Having taught music at the Kodaikanal School for missionary children in India for four years, he is already familiar with the Orient. Mrs. Thompson has worked in the Hiram House Settlement in Cleveland, Ohio, and has been Religious Education Secretary for Indiana County, Pennsylvania, for five years. She taught English at the Kodaikanal School, with her husband. Recently they have been studying Chinese at Yale University, preparatory to leaving for Foochow.

NEW WORKERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA. Mr. and Mrs. David Rubenstein, of Angola, New York, and Lincoln, Nebraska, have been appointed as career missionaries to serve on the staff of Adams College, Adams, South Africa. Mr. Rubenstein will be an industrial teacher and Mrs. Rubenstein will do social work.

THE TIME IS RIPE. Chaplain Thorpe P. Bauer, in Japan, believes that the time is ripe for a "strong evangelical drive among the professional classes in Japan, such as doctors, teachers, musicians, artists," and expresses his delight that our American Board for Foreign Missions is "pressing renewal of work in Japan. This is the time to do it." He says that workers will "face many hardships," but will be welcomed by an eager, friendly people and a friendly press.

EMPHASIS ON THE SPIRITUAL. Many will remember the capable and consecrated Chinese layman who was a member of the famous Chinese delegation at Madras—James Chuan from North China. Mr. Chuan wrote to the late Dr. D. Brewer Eddy expressing the appreciation of China for the generous help from churches and mission boards in the physical rehabilitation of China. Then he adds a warning: "Very little attention is paid to the spiritual rejuvenation and sustenance so greatly needed in our national reconstruction. Please tell your churches and boards not to forget to send us sufficient spiritual leadership."

ASHES STILL WARM. After an address by Mrs. Walter C. Tong of the Philippines, whose husband has returned to those islands, Edgewood Congregational Church of Cranston, R. I., made a gift of twenty-five dollars toward relief work. Yet Edgewood Church had just burned to the ground and plans for a new church were under way.

AND OUT IN DAVAO. A sister Filipino church had been rebuilt, even before the homes which were needed, by Christians who waited

The laughing gentleman isn't General Eisenhower. It's James A. Hunter, of our North China Mission, in his working togs. He is loaned for no more than two years to UNRRA

for Walter C. Tong to reach Mindanao. They wanted him to dedicate the new sanctuary and to help them conduct a memorial service for their beloved doctor, Herbert C. Brokenshire, who died when a Japanese prison ship was sunk.

PROGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA. Barely five years ago Johannesburg University, Johannesburg, South Africa, opened its doors for the first time to an African. On March 16 the first degree of Litt.D. was bestowed on a young man who had come up through one of our American Board schools. There are some 300 non-Europeans studying now in the three universities of South Africa; there are forty in the Medical School (of whom five are women) and two African doctors have been graduated from this same school.

BACK FROM GREECE. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs have arrived in America after a three-weeks trip on the liberty ship *Henry Wilson*, from Greece, where Dr. Riggs is president of Anatolia College. They are here to raise funds for the college and will make their headquarters at 14 Beacon Street, Boston. When the German army invaded Greece, the Riggses escaped only a few hours ahead of the troops. Mr. Riggs returned in 1944 to reopen Anatolia College. Now the college has over 400 students, with both the faculty and students in fine spirits. "Anatolia College shines like a beacon in Northern Greece," says Mr. Hiram Sibley, U.N.R.R.A. director, "holding out the precepts and methods of democracy and teaching the leadership so greatly needed in Greece. The finest that America can offer Greece in her adversity is the teaching and training of Anatolia College.

AT MEJURO, Marshall Islands, thirty-two native churchmen—leaders, pastors, teachers and deacons—assembled for five conferences with Associate Treasurer of the American Board, Harold Hackett. And at one of these conferences they gave him fifty dollars to be sent to the starving people of Europe. "Out of little they have given much," writes Mr. Hackett.

HOMELAND HIGHLIGHTS

BY IONE CATTON

To Guide Us in the Next Biennium. The General Council welcomes the Rev. Galen R. Weaver, who has completed twenty-three years of service in our Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu. On September 1 he will undertake the leadership of the biennium emphasis on interracial relations. We voted at Grinnell to assume the responsibility of such a program. Mr. Weaver comes with a rich experience of living and working and thinking with people of many groups. The Church of the Crossroads is a monument to his skill and wisdom in overcoming color lines in the common worship of God.

As our American Missionary Association and our Council for Social Action undertake the administration of this biennium emphasis under Mr. Weaver's direction and the counsel of a National Interracial Committee, they are happy to announce that the chairmanship of this important movement has been accepted by the former Moderator of our General Council, Dr. Ronald Bridges.

What Is That in Thy Hand? South Dakota has wheat! W. A. Danforth, St. Louis Congregationalist and head of the Ralston Purina Company, offered to process a carload of wheat if he could get the wheat. Because of government rulings he was unable to buy it. He had planned to make it into breakfast foods and other food items which the American Friends Service Committee would send to starving Europe. At its May meeting, our South Dakota Conference voted that each church would be responsible in its own community for wheat donations. It was planned that a car would start at the northwest corner of the state, being filled as it went along. However, two cars were finally filled with wheat and another with oats. This took place while these prairie folk in the bread basket of the world were watching the sky every night and morning with fear and fading hope. There had been no rain for weeks. Rain meant the difference between want and plenty. South Dakota has wheat to give. What have we?

You Are Cordially Invited to the One Hundredth Birthday Party of our American Missionary Association. It will be held in your own Congregational Christian church sometime before the end of the year 1946. This means that some 6,000 such parties will be held, a fitting memorial for the organization which has worked for a century to secure freedom for minority

groups and to cement friendships among all racial and national groups. Yo yourself can initiate the plans for the party. Your program might include grand march for viewing the exhibits you have arranged describing the 10 years of the A.M.A.; American folk dances and songs; visual presentation of the A.M.A. story in slides and movies; a story hour for relating some of th most exciting chapters in the life of the A.M.A.; a worship service includin prayer, hymns and an offering with a pledge of loyalty for the years to come and refreshments, including special dishes of the South, West and Southwest the A.M.A.'s field of work. And, of course, a birthday cake with candles!

Numerous items of literature are available to help you in planning the A.M.A. Birthday Party in your church. An Anniversary Packet is availabl from the office of the A.M.A., at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y (one copy to each church). From the office of the Missions Council, at the same address, you may order the following: *Take Ye Away the Stone*, the story of the A.M.A.'s 100 years, fifteen cents; a picture sheet, *Toward Brotherhood*, fifteen cents; special offering envelopes, free. *New Day Ascending*, the history of the A.M.A. written by Fred L. Brownlee, is available from the Pilgrim Press at $3.00 per copy.

Material Is Ready for You. For your use in making our churches aware of needs and opportunities in race relations and in our foreign missionary work in India, two packets of materials are available at the Missions Council office. The first is, *These Things I Command You*, a description of the present work of our denominational Fellowship in building brotherhood among all Americans, price fifty cents. The second is, *The Light of India*, a description of the work of our missions among the people of India, price thirty-five cents.

This double emphasis is in line with the interdenominational study themes for 1946–1947. It is important in the planning of any local church program.

A New President for Schauffler College. Dr. George P. Michaelides has been chosen as the new president of Schauffler College of Religious and Social Work of Cleveland, Ohio. He succeeds Dr. Earl Vinie, who resigned last winter. Born of Greek parents in Asia Minor, Dr. Michaelides received his B.A. degree from the International College of Smyrna, an institution of our American Board for Foreign Missions. He has taught and studied both in the Near East and in the United States, and he is now an American citizen. Since 1940 he has been a member of the faculty of Schauffler College.

Regional Conferences. The Mid-West Regional Meeting will be held on October 22 in the North Woodward Church of Detroit, Michigan. The Rev. Charles H. Myers is pastor of that church, and a strong program is in the making. The Eastern Regional Meeting will be held in New Haven, Connecticut, on October 29, 30 and 31. A tentative program includes addresses by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, President Mordecai W. Johnson and Mrs. Douglas Horton.

DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Income received for month of June, 1946, $6,636.81

acy has become a crusade for economic and social freedom. "School" is no longer limited to children and youth.

At Bricks, in North Carolina, farmers and their wives gather each winter for eight weeks of study. They learn to be good farmers and homemakers, to sew, to rotate crops, to cook and to plough, and to make family budgets intelligently—all in preparation for the day when they will, for the first time in their lives, have homes of their own.

At Dorchester, in Georgia, our A.M.A. has developed a coöperative community. Credit unions; coöperatives; planned recreation; unified school, church and civic activities are all centered in our one-time school buildings.

Wherever racial tensions threaten freedom and unity in America, there too the A.M.A. sends its workers. Common Ground workers, singly or in groups, to help community leaders and organizations to define their own racial tensions and to solve their own problems.

A new evangelism marks a welcome change in our churches' life. Gone are the loud-voiced alarms and weeping lines of altar-seekers. But this new evangelism is no less serious for its more reserved manner. It faces quietly and intelligently the nature of the act by which a human being commits his life to the Christian way.

The old way let migrant children shift for themselves; home missions give expert care

The kindness of church people is a sharp contrast to the bleak Relocation Centers

Its work of inspiration and interpretation is not reserved for adults, but is for all who seek church membership.

Our Christian education program has deserted the "pouring-in process," the listening method and the "learn-by-heart" rule. Instead, we see boys and girls composing a code on *Being Neighbors*. We see a hundred thousand Pilgrim Fellowship youth studying the total work of our denomination and selecting specific projects to which they will give service and money. We see Christian college students planning ways of bringing in students from other racial and national groups. And we see family life conferences in which men and women learn that it is as important to get the church "into the people" as to get people into the church. When children compose their own prayer for brotherhood, when students choose vocations on the basis of service in the Kingdom wherever they are, when young adults of the church set themselves to provide housing for minority groups in their neighborhoods, we have—not stereotyped instruction—but creative teaching for life.

In 1945, our Board of Home Missions sent Alice and David Burgess to southeastern Missouri to aid hundreds of struggling sharecropper families who had been put out of government housing projects by Congressional liquidation of the housing plan. Although failure seemed written across every road, they succeeded in helping the families to purchase their homes. For the first time these people knew security and a sense of community responsibility. The aftermath of war finds thousands of other Americans still unsettled and needing the continuing ministry of our churches.

Our Council for Social Action has

a share in this mission, in the rooting of ideals. It teaches our churches that idealism must be anchored to facts, and that facts must be seen in the light of religious faith. It publishes bulletins and pamphlets to keep our churches abreast of social issues. It conducts seminars and conferences in race relations, international relations and industrial relations, and it educates our church members in the facts about all of these.

I could go on to give example after example of how our Congregational Christian churches, hand in hand with those of other denominations, are working to direct the changes which grip America and the world into definite Christian patterns, and to build bridges from famine to plenty, from disease to health, from ignorance to faith, and from darkness to light. They are teaching us all to diagnose our own impotence which stems from the possession of too many physical things, too much comfort, too much superficial thinking and too little understanding of what Christian living involves in a world of mutability.

Our task is two-fold—to revitalize our churches and ourselves from within, and to direct the changes which affect us from without. If we fail in either, the future is chaos, if not catastrophe. This is a time when we Christians dare not be content to inch along in our loyalty and support and discipleship. We must take big steps forward—directing all of life toward the goal of a Christian world order!

Dr. Sylvester is minister of our Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis and Chairman of our Missions Council.

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What You Can Do

1. The 1946–1947 Every Member Canvass in your local church is an immediate means for bridging the divisions and estrangements of modern life. Organize it early, use the Missions Council literature and carry the Canvass to a prompt conclusion.

2. Urge and support your church in doing its full share in the 40% Increased Apportionment Giving which is essential to meet our share in world postwar needs. Pledges for budgeted apportionment for 1946–1947 must be 40% above those of 1945 if our Postwar Emergency Program is to succeed.

3. If, for one reason or another, your church does not conduct an E.M.C., arrange a special day on which to secure pledges. Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Sunday are dedicated to this purpose by some churches. And/or make an individual gift to your Conference or to the boards and agencies conducting the mission work of our churches.

4. Arrange an American Missionary Association One Hundredth Birthday Party in your church this fall. The A.M.A. must raise $300,000 in the next three years to help bridge the gulfs in race relations in America.

D. BREWER EDDY

"WESTERN born, Eastern educated, he has invested his life in terms of international good will." That line, lifted from the Eddy family geneology, is an accurate although only partial description of Dr. D. Brewer Eddy, for thirty-six years a Secretary of our American Board for Foreign Missions. He died at West Falmouth, Massachusetts, on June 1 in his sixty-ninth year.

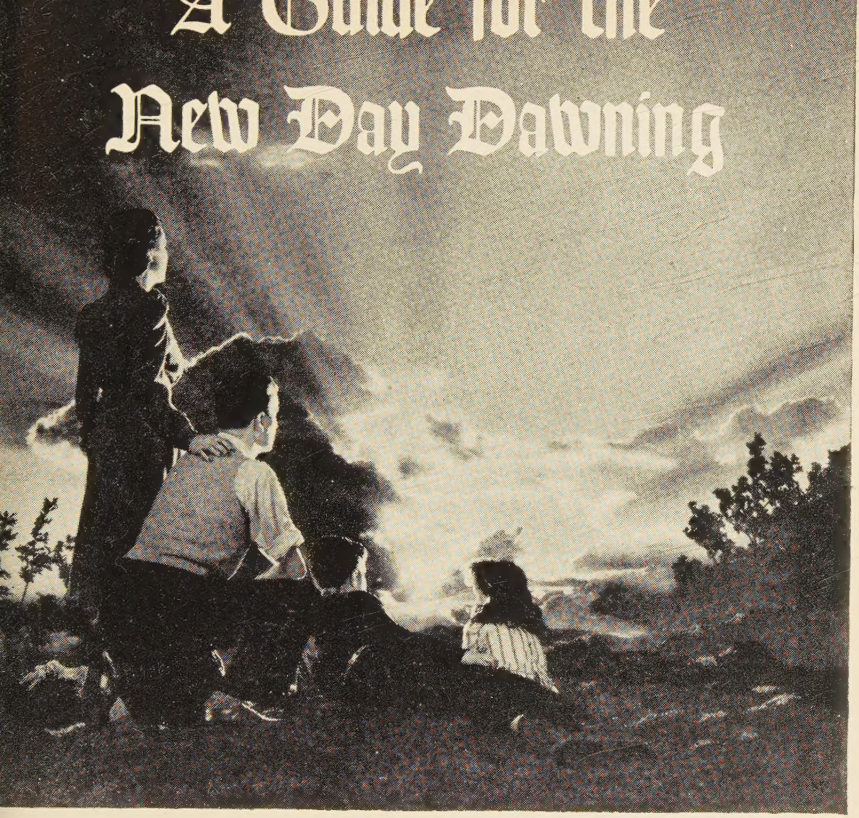
Although Dr. Eddy retired from the active service of the Board in 1944, he continued to speak widely on international affairs and on the Christian missionary enterprise which has been at the center of his life since college days, when he was a member of the famous Yale Missionary Band.

An internationally known Congregational churchman and missionary leader, an eloquent pleader for the cause of Christ, Dr. Eddy traveled widely, often with his distinguished brother, Sherwood Eddy, making personal contacts with international problems abroad. After World War I, during which he served with the Y.M.C.A. in France and with the British Ministry of Information, he spent many months on tour.

Born in Leavenworth, Kansas, the son of a pioneer Kansas family, Dr. Eddy was a direct descendant of Priscilla Alden of Pilgrim fame. He was educated at Yale University, Class of 1898; Wesleyan University; Hartford Seminary; Oxford University, England; and Auburn Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Congregational ministry in 1905, he took a pastorate in East Orange, New Jersey for three years and then joined the Executive Staff of the American Board.

The funeral services, held on June 2, 1946, in the Central Congregational Church of Newtonville, Massachusetts, where he was an active member, were conducted by his pastor, Dr. Randolph S. Merrill, assisted by Dr. Eddy's brother, Dr. Sherwood Eddy.

Those closest to the fellowship of our American Board remembered vividly how Brewer Eddy loved to sing, and how his voice had mingled so often with that of the late Dr. Enoch F. Bell in the old American Board quartet and in the noonday prayer service at Congregational House in Boston: "In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North, All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth."



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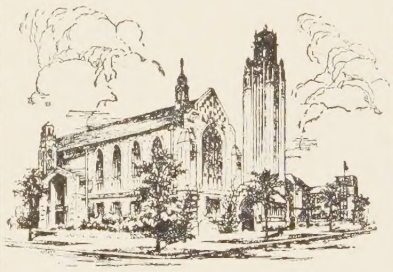

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4. Make an individual gift over and above all of your other giving. You can give it to the total Postwar Emergency Program and it will be divided among the several items. Or, you can designate your gift for any one of the items on the chart.

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